

THE VISION FOR WORD OF LIFE

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The Scripture Word of Life was Founded upon.

1 John 1:1-3 (NKJV)

1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life— 2 the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us— 3 that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.

This is a scriptural description of what Word of Life has become over the years.

It is a very succinct describing of our Purpose.

We hold the Scripture / Bible as a premium at Word of Life. It is the main focus of everything we do, say, and believe.

Verse 1: We endeavor to hear what the Spirit has to say about the scripture (Rhema), we look at it, we gaze upon it / meditate on it, and it becomes real and tangible in our lives and the results of it manifests in us and are able to be tangibly touched.

Verse 2: The life of the Father which is seen as it manifests in our every day lives causes us to become a living witness of what he is doing on the earth and in our lives. This is what we share and proclaim to others.

Verse 3: It is not mere doctrine and beliefs that we proclaim, but what we have seen and heard - Experienced. So that others may know how the Father and his son Jesus Christ are working in our lives, that they may be encouraged to join in and pursue God to do the same things in their lives (fellowship with us and God).

Introduction

The ultimate purpose for this book is to take a more focused look at the Vision of Word of Life. The goal is to Expand our understanding of Word of Life's Vision. The better we can understand it, the more easily we can engage with it. The people being engaged with the Vision is paramount to this church's success. Word of Life will be most effective as more and more people become involved with what God is asking us to accomplish. To do that we need to 'Clearly Know' what we are trying to accomplish.

"Word of Life's Vision" is the 2nd of two books. The first book is titled: "Expanding the Vision". As I was researching and putting that book together, I came to the realization that many of us may not understand how to implement the personal Vision that God has given to us. So in an effort to help that, I laid out what a Vision is and how it is built. Then I took those principles and applied them to Word of Life.

The application and explanation of what a Vision is - for Word of Life was the last half of the first book ("Expanding The Vision"). This book (Word of Life's Vision) is the last half of that first book that has been updated and expanded.

In a concise definition, 'Vision' means 'To See'. Our Vision(s) for our life become the most effective and powerful when a person 'Sees' what God is trying to 'Reveal' to them.

**"Where there is no vision (no redemptive revelation of God), the people perish"
Proverbs 29:18a - AMP.**

For people to move toward life and away from perishing, we must have the way out (redemption) revealed to us. The scripture will often put revelation in the terms of 'seeing or sight'. And that's what the word 'Vision' means: 'To See'. The Holy Spirit must give us revelation before we can even be saved. We need to 'See' our need for redemption. So what does the demonic realm go after, our ability to see the light of the gospel.

"The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God."

II Corinthians 4:4 - NIV

'Vision', or the over-all thought of 'seeing' the things of God is a huge element of the scripture. It will touch every area of life.

It 'Sees' the Purpose, and Sub-Purposes of our life. These are the WHAT. What I am to be doing.

It also 'Sees' the Process, the Steps needed to be taken, the Way we should approach it, the Flow we're needing to accomplish it. This is the 'HOW'.

God will show the End / Big Picture to us.

This is the ultimate goal we are to be aiming to achieve.

A very important point we must remember is that when God shows our purpose and vision to us, he will show us the end product that he is wanting to produce. This is the long term goal. It may take a lifetime to produce this. So we must be patient and allow the purpose for our life to develop and play out.

[Hab 2:2-4 NKJV]

2 Then the LORD answered me and said: "Write the vision and make [it] plain on tablets, That he may run who reads it.

3 For the vision [is] yet for an appointed time; but at the end it will speak, and it will not lie. Though it tarries, wait for it; Because it will surely come, it will not tarry.

So when God shows you what you are to accomplish in life by giving you some insight on your Vision, realize: he may be showing you the End / Fulfillment of the Vision.

Often we will get discouraged or frustrated because nothing is happening in our life like he showed us it's supposed to turn out. Relax. He will lead you one step at a time to prepare you as well as begin to make the over-all vision come to pass. Take it one step at a time and follow him. Just do what he's telling you to do - Now. Over time it will all come together.

If we try to jump ahead, it's almost guaranteed to be a lot of trouble, and/or it will fail.

The first thing we will look at is the 'Vision Outline'. (It covers 5 areas):

- (1) God Given Purpose*
- (2) Core Values*
- (3) Vision*
- (4) Assignments and Mandates*
- (5) Accomplishing the Vision*

Vision Outline

PLEASE NOTE: *I am taking various sections from the first book “Expanding the Vision” and placing them here. They are not written in a way that pertains specifically to Word of Life’s Vision. They are written from the perspective of helping people find their personal Purpose and Vision.*

I am adding this section for 2 reasons:

- #1) Churches are built with ‘Living Stones’ (People). People need to first of all understand how a ‘Purpose and Vision’ comes alive in each of us individually,*
- #2) Then that individual’s ‘Purpose and Vision’ needs to be integrated into the over all vision of the church / ministry.*

Most of this book is dedicated to understanding the vision for Word of Life. This book is not going to be explaining the detailed aspects of the five areas that comprise a Vision. The detailed explanations are found in the first book.

I. The God Given ‘Purpose’.

A. The first thing that Vision must see is Purpose. *We must know our Purpose and Destiny/ Reason for being on this earth. Once we understand what we’re here for, then God will show us how he wants us to accomplish it. ‘Vision’ will reveal our ‘Purpose’ first. Nothing else can be built until we know the ‘What’ of our life. The WHAT is our Purpose.*

First comes the revelation of the WHAT we’re supposed to do. Then God will give us the HOW we are going to do it.

The WHAT is often seen more easily and completely than HOW it’s going to be done. The WHAT can be seen close to its entirety - from the beginning. The HOW is revealed to us and plays out by taking one step at a time.

B. We cannot see ‘HOW’ to do something, until we see the ‘WHAT’ we are to do. *That’s why our Purpose is the first thing we see.*

Example: It's God's purpose that all men come to salvation and live Godly lives. But until they are able to 'See' their need of a Savior, they won't receive God's purpose for them. So to even get saved, we need a 'Vision' from the Lord. It's the ability to 'See' our need.

C. Vision will first of all help us see a need. Those needs that stand out to us are likely part of the purpose we are on this earth to fulfill. It's WHAT we are to address in our lives.

D. Then Vision will show us HOW to meet that need. This becomes the Goal and stabilizing factor of our life. Let me work through this scripture and you may see it in a new light.

E. 'Purpose' in the scriptures.

1. Scriptures on Purpose.

"But I have raised you up for this very purpose, that I might show you my power and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth."

Exodus 9:16 (NIV)

"The LORD foils the plans of the nations; he thwarts the purposes of the peoples."

Psalms 33:10 (NIV)

"I cry out to God Most High, to God, who fulfills his purpose for me."

Psalms 57:2 (NIV)

"The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me; your love, O LORD, endures forever—do not abandon the works of your hands."

Psalms 138:8 (NIV)

"In his heart a man plans his course, but the LORD determines his steps."

Proverbs 16:9 (NIV)

"Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the LORD's purpose that prevails."

Proverbs 19:21 (NIV)

"To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven"

Ecclesiastes 3:1 (KJV)

"I said in mine heart, God shall judge the righteous and the wicked: for there is a time there for every purpose and for every work.

Ecclesiastes 3:17 (KJV)

“The LORD of hosts hath sworn, saying, Surely as I have thought, so shall it come to pass; and as I have purposed, so shall it stand. This is the purpose that is purposed upon the whole earth: and this is the hand that is stretched out upon all the nations.

For the LORD of hosts hath purposed, and who shall disannul it? and his hand is stretched out, and who shall turn it back?

Isaiah 14:24, 26-27 (KJV)

“Remember the former things, those of long ago; I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me. I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say: My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please. From the east I summon a bird of prey; from a far-off land, a man to fulfill my purpose. What I have said, that will I bring about; what I have planned, that will I do.”

Isaiah 46:9-11 (NIV)

“So is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.”

Isaiah 55:11 (NIV)

“All the people, even the tax collectors, when they heard Jesus’ words, acknowledged that God’s way was right, because they had been baptized by John. But the Pharisees and experts in the law rejected God’s purpose for themselves, because they had not been baptized by John.”

Luke 7:29-30 (NIV)

“This man was handed over to you by God’s set purpose and foreknowledge.”

Acts 2:23 (NIV)

“Therefore, in the present case I advise you: Leave these men alone! Let them go! For if their purpose or activity is of human origin, it will fail. But if it is from God, you will not be able to stop these men; you will only find yourselves fighting against God.”

Acts 5:38-39 (NIV)

“For when David had served God’s purpose in his own generation, he fell asleep; he was buried with his fathers and his body decayed.”

Acts 13:36 (NIV)

“But rise, and stand upon thy feet: for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things in the which I will appear unto thee; Delivering thee from the people, and from the Gentiles, unto whom now I send thee”

Acts 26:16-17 (KJV)

“And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.”

Romans 8:28 (KJV)

“For the children being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of him that calleth; It was said unto her, The elder shall serve the younger.”

Romans 9:11-12 (KJV)

“For the scripture saith unto Pharaoh, Even for this same purpose have I raised thee up, that I might show my power in thee, and that my name might be declared through out all the earth.”

Romans 9:17 (KJV)

“Now it is God who has made us for this very purpose and has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.”

II Corinthians 5:5 (NIV)

“What, then, was the purpose of the law? It was added because of transgressions until the Seed to whom the promise referred had come.”

Galatians 3:19 (NIV)

“In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will.”

Ephesians 1:11 (KJV)

“His purpose was to create in himself one new man out of the two, thus making peace.”

Ephesians 2:15 (NIV)

“According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Ephesians 3:11 (KJV)

“...continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose.”

Philippians 2:12-13 (NIV)

“And for this purpose I was appointed a herald and an apostle.”

I Timothy 2:7 (NIV)

“Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began.”

II Timothy 1:9 (KJV)

“Because God wanted to make the unchanging nature of his purpose very clear to the heirs of what was promised, he confirmed it with an oath.”

Hebrews 6:17 (NIV)

“He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.”

I John 3:8 (KJV)

2. *There are three things that glaringly stand out in these verses:*

(#1) - God is the one who comes up with the purpose.

(#2) - God will only support, bless, and perform HIS PURPOSE.

(#3) - Once he determines His Purpose, he looks for a man/woman to fulfill it.

II. ‘Core Values’.

A. What are the things that are genuinely valuable to you at the ‘Core’ of your being?

Another way of saying it is: what are the issues you consider valuable enough to fight and die for?

B. Our ‘Core Values’ are what hold us steady in the face of adversity, opposition, trouble, pain, failure, success, increased influence, prosperity, praise and honor, etc. They are our ‘Inner Convictions’ that can never be compromised - No Matter What may happen in life.

C. They keep us in alignment with our ‘Purpose’ and ‘Vision’.

III. ‘The Vision’.

A. What is it?

1. In it’s most simple definition, Vision is our ability to ‘SEE’ something ‘intangible’. It lays hold to the reasons, and purposes that God has created us to accomplish, and makes them visible and understandable to us. (I Corinthians 2:6-16)

B. How do we acquire it?

1. It must be imparted by the Spirit of God. (I Corinthians 2:10-14)

C. What information is it composed of?

1. The reason why we’re on this earth from God’s perspective. It’s the WHAT we’re here for. Vision helps us ‘See’ our Purpose. (Ephesians 1:9-12)

D. How is it accomplished?

1. *Once we ‘SEE’ (Vision) the ‘WHAT’ (the Purpose), it is now birthed in us. As we seek God, he will give us the steps needed to begin accomplishing this Purpose. Those steps will break out into Short-Term, Intermediate-Term, and Long-Term Goals. (Galatians 5:25; Romans 8)*

E. Does it cover a short or long period or time?

1. *In one form or another, it covers our whole life. (Ephesians 1:9-12)
These are the types of questions that will be answered under this heading.*

A succinct description of the ‘Vision’ would be:

‘To see our Purpose and the process God will use to bring it to pass in your life. The end goal that is to be reached is literally visible to your spirit. You can ‘see it’ and the next steps needed to move toward it.

Here is where we have to take off our religious colored glasses and purely look at what the scripture says. If we don’t, we will find religion and traditional thinking will limit how much Vision we will get.

Vision can be quite simply explained as a person’s ability to ‘SEE WHAT’ needs to be done, and HOW to do it. It is God given ‘INSIGHT’ and understanding. It flows from the core/heart of the person. (The spirit man) We see it in our spirit. The methods God uses to ‘Reveal’ it to our spirit can be many. But most of the time it’s not what religion thinks a Vision is.

A person’s vision is what guides, directs, energizes, motivates, and drives them. It is the life-giving source that moves the person forward toward a goal in life. Without a ‘Vision’ to do or accomplish something, we will simply wander aimlessly through life.

*“Where [there is] no revelation, the people cast off restraint; But happy [is] he who keeps the law.”
Proverbs 29:18 - NKJV*

*“Where there is no vision [no redemptive revelation of God], the people perish; but he who keeps the law [of God, which includes that of man]--blessed (happy, fortunate, and enviable) is he.”
Proverbs 29:18 (Amp.)*

*“Where there is no revelation, the people cast off restraint, but blessed is he who keeps the law.”
Proverbs 29:18 (NIV)*

IV. 'Assignments and Mandates'

A. Assignments can be explained as 'Projects'.

Mandates are 'Orders / Commands'.

B. These have to do with things like Where, How & What, With Whom, Focus and Responsibility, Etc.

C. They can be long-term, or short-term. They can be unchangeable for a life-time, or be very transitory.

D. They are the stones that become the building blocks of the structure God is building via our lives.

V. Accomplishing the Vision.

A. Every christian on earth has:

- 1. A Purpose.**
- 2. Core Values.**
- 3. An Assignment and Mandate.**
- 4. A Vision.**

B. My personal opinion is that far too many of us never understand our Vision. As a result, our full Purpose does not come to fruition.

C. There are steps needed to fulfill the Vision that God has given to us. In this section we will open up that information so it's understandable. My goal is to give specific instructions, steps, and examples of how to Accomplish the Vision for W/L.

There is some awesome material available from many visionaries who have gone on before us and accomplished great things for the Kingdom of God. Here are some nuggets of wisdom from Oral Roberts that apply to Vision.

Quotes from Oral Roberts on Accomplishing the Vision.

- (1) SOMETHING GOOD is going to happen to you. Believe it. Expect it.*
- (2) There's nothing too big for God. Expect miracles. They come by faith, not by accident.*
- (3) Don't ever try to accomplish anything without first sowing the seed. It is impossible to reap a harvest without the seed of faith being sown.*
- (4) Love your Partners.....they are family!*
- (5) Jesus is my source - my only source. He supplies our every need. We ain't gonna be poor no more!*
- (6) Love Jesus first and more than anyone else. Then you'll be able to love others like He does.*
- (7) You cannot demand excellence from others and not demand excellence from yourself.*
- (8) Don't (lay hands on the sick) until you're ready to release your faith.*
- (9) If your word is not good, God's Word will never be real in your life.*
- (10) If you bow you burn. If you don't bow, you don't burn. Whatever you compromise to keep, you will eventually lose.*
- (11) When the finances drop, there's a bottleneck somewhere. In every situation there is a key issue that can only be seen through faith. Deal with that issue and the rest will unravel.*
- (12) The first two questions that must be answered are: "Will it meet the needs of the people?" and, "Will it win souls?"*
- (13) People will always tell you it can't be done. Don't listen to that. Do these three things and you will always succeed:*
 - a. Find out the will of God.*
 - b. Confer no longer with flesh and blood.*
 - c. Get your job done at all costs.*

Defining Word of Life's Vision

Please understand that everything in this major section has to do with the Vision of W/L. It is broken down into 5 sub-categories:

- 'The God-Given Purpose for Word of Life'*
- 'Word of Life's Core Values'*
- 'Word of Life's Assignments and Mandates'*
- 'Word of Life's Vision'*
- 'Word of Life - Accomplishing the Vision'*

I. God Given Purpose for Word of Life.

A. Every christian church has the same General 5-fold purpose given in the scripture.

- 1) Evangelize. (Luke 19:10 > John 20:21)**
- 2) Worship. (John 4:23-24)**
- 3) Partnership. (Acts 2:42; I John 1:1-3)**
- 4) Discipleship. (Matthew 28:18-20)**
- 5) Ministry/Service. (Matthew 22:37-40; 28:19-20; Acts 2:1-47; Ephesians 4:1-16)**

Here is a brief explanation of each one:

- 1) Evangelize: Spread the good news about Jesus and introduce/restore people to him.**
- 2) Worship: Teach and provide a place where people can build their relationship with Jesus.**
- 3) Partnership: Commitment to each other in support of the Vision, as well as building safe, supportive relationships on various levels.**
- 4) Discipleship: The Maturing and Growth process needed to develop Over-Coming and Victorious Believers.**
- 5) Ministry/Service: Empowering them to Spread the Gospel; "Re-Present" the Vision of Word of Life; "Re-Produce" what God has done for them - in others.**

B. Our statement of Purpose is:

To Introduce People to Jesus, enabling them to grow in Love for God and their Fellowman, so Establishing Covenant Partnership, for the Purpose of developing Christ-Like Maturity, and developing their God Ordained Ministry and Anointing.

Our Statement of Purpose simply restates and combines all five aspects of our General Purpose. From my understanding of scripture, what has been said about purpose to this point should be pretty much the same for all churches. How God institutes that in various parts of his body (or we could also call them local churches) will vary greatly. Each church has it's emphasis, or sub-purpose. It will make them unique from other churches.

C. In Ephesians 4:11-16 it gives an expansion of the Purpose for the over-all Church:

“It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God’s people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.”

The scripture is quite self-explanatory. That commission is supposed to be accomplished in every christian church - including Word of Life.

D. Something that bothers most christians is this question:

Why are there so many different churches?

The most common belief is because different churches have different doctrines. (Different Beliefs) That may be the main reason for so many different churches if you look at it from the perspective of this earth and how the system operates. But it's not scriptural.

From God's perspective that's not the right reason for different churches. God never intended different churches or even whole groups of churches (denominations) to arise because of differences in doctrine. The message of the word, gospel, doctrine was never supposed to change. All churches are to believe and practice the same doctrine.

So the thing of different denominations being unique from each other because of what they believe is not of God. All Christians use the same Bible. The problem comes when we think the Bible is a buffet and we can pick and choose what we want.

That's what Jesus meant when he said that our traditions have made the word of God of no effect. (Matthew 15:6) Depending on what denomination we're in, we have rules (traditions) that govern what we believe. That's typically what causes different churches and denominations, and it's not of God.

E. But let's look at what this would look like if man and sin hadn't gotten in there and messed the whole thing up. Would there still be different churches and possibly even different groups of churches, or what we refer to as denominations? I believe the answer is yes, and let me explain why.

Like was already stated - all churches have the same basic 5-fold purpose.

- (1) All churches are suppose to evangelize.*
- (2) Every church is to promote corporate and individual worship.*
- (3) We are all suppose to enter into some form of membership, covenant partnership, or caring for each other.*
- (4) All churches are suppose to disciple the people, and*
- (5) Help them minister.*

Those five elements are the general purpose for churches. However each church should also have it's own emphasis (Sub-purpose or Vision/Mission) in that general purpose. And if that were happening, groups of churches would form who carry a similar emphasis. Comparable to our present day denominations. Not brought together by different doctrines, but by similar Visions, or Missions.

Let me explain. This concept flows in churches despite the problems that have arisen because of doctrine and theology differences. Certain churches carry more of an emphasis in an area. That's their Sub-Purpose.

We're all supposed to do the 5 Main Purposes. But we'll also have an emphasis. That emphasis is our Sub-Purpose.

Examples - Recovery Churches

- 24 Hour Prayer Churches

- 24 Hour Praise and Worship Churches

- Apostolic Churches

- *Street Churches*
- *Missions Focused Churches*
- *Cowboy Churches*
- *Age Specific Churches (College Age, etc.)*
- *Evangelistic Churches*
- *Bible Training Centers Churches (Bible Schools)*
- *Native American Churches*
- *Homeless People Churches*
- *Prophetic Churches*
- *Etc.*

In each case, they are all to fulfill the 5-fold Purpose of a christian church, as well as they will have their own emphasis or Sub-Purpose. Each church has a specific mission God wants them to fulfill. God will give birth to a church to reach out to a specific group of people or a specific area. That way everyone is being targeted with the gospel.

There is a specific reason God establishes each church. That is it's Sub-Purpose and Mission. (It's why that church exists) The Vision will help each church 'See' HOW they're going to do their Sub-Purpose, or reason they exist.

This seeing how has a lot to do with Long, Intermediate, and Short Term goals and accomplishments.

F. Here again the principle is played out. God sees a need in a community and he will create a person to meet that need.

- 1. The purpose for their being alive is dropped into their heart, and they will search to fulfill it.*
- 2. What they are alive to do becomes their Sub-Purpose.*
- 3. The method they are shown to accomplish it, becomes the Vision.*

This is important to remember:

The Purpose and Sub-Purpose are very closely connected.

Why is that? Because the Sub-Purpose must flow under and help establish the Purpose. There is only one General 5-fold purpose. But there are myriads of Sub-Purposes. When God shows us WHAT and HOW we are to accomplish, it will always fit into and support the larger 5-fold purpose of the church.

What is Word of Life's Emphasis / Sub-Purpose?

A. We are a Full-Gospel Church.

1. *The General Purpose that every church is to accomplish, we Emphasize the Fullness of the Gospel. It could also be said that we Emphasize the Pentecostal / Charismatic / Prophetic / Faith aspects of the Gospel.*
2. *What does Full-Gospel mean?*

We believe everything that was presented in the New Testament is available for each and every believer - Today. We don't believe that anything has passed away and is no longer relevant for the time we're living in.

The Five-Fold: Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors, and Teachers are all in operation today. (Ephesians 4:7-16)

The Baptism with the Holy Spirit is an experience apart from salvation, and is available to every believer who asks for it. (Luke 11:11-13) The primary purpose for the Baptism with the Spirit is for each believer to receive 'Power'. (Acts 1:8)

As we can see in Acts 2:1-4, when believers are Baptized with the Spirit, they ALL spoke in other tongues. Peter says this is available for everyone in every time dispensation who believes. (Acts 2:38-39)

Once we are Baptized with the Spirit, the 9 Gifts of the Spirit are available to us. We are able to operate in them as the Holy Spirit desires for them to flow through us. (1 Corinthians 12:1-11)

Full Gospel also means that Healing, Miracles, Signs, Wonders, Dreams, Visions, Supernatural Manifestations and Experiences, Etc. are available to every believer.

3. *It is the Holy Spirit (3rd person of the Trinity) who works all these things through us. He is the one who Anoints us with the Power for these things to take place.*

Therefore we make every effort to stay in step with and work with the Holy Spirit as he leads us in life - as described in all the epistles from the book of Acts on through the New Testament. Our goal is for the Holy Spirit to have input and direct us in every area of life - including our church services.

4. *Since the Holy Spirit is described as our Teacher, Guide, Comforter, Leader, Convincer, Instructor, in every area of life - we believe that he will personally communicate with us to accomplish his work in us. He is able and does speak to us in many ways.*

B. We strongly Emphasize Praise and Worship - especially in the corporate setting.

1. *Since we are to Love God with All our Heart, Soul, Mind, and Strength, one of our Sub-Purposes or Emphasis is to Praise and Worship him with All of our Heart, Soul, Mind, and Strength.*

C. Scripture says that God takes pleasure in the Prosperity of his people.

1. *(Ps. 35:27; Deuteronomy 8:18; Joshua 1:8; Psalms 1:1-3; 3 John 2)*
2. *Our position is that God wants all believers to Prosper in their Spirit, Soul, and Body.*

D. Everything that Jesus bought for us on the cross is available to us, and it is our Covenant Duty to pursue these promises and live in them to the best we are able.

1. *We are a Faith Church.*

> 2 Corinthians 5:7; Romans 4:16; Hebrews 11:6.

E. A large aspect of our Sub-Purpose / Emphasis is: We are a How to Church.

> It's emphasized later as our 'Vision'.

II. Word of Life's Core Values.

A. Our 'Core Values' are what hold us steady in the face of adversity, opposition, trouble, pain, failure, success, increased influence, prosperity, praise and honor, etc. They are our 'Inner Convictions' that can never be compromised - No Matter What may happen in life.

B. Every Vision will need continual refinement. Scripturally, God will show us the end of the Vision. The End Product that is to be Produced. (Habakuk 2:2-3) What he's revealing to us is what this church is suppose to produce if we fulfill his 'Purpose' and 'Sub-Purpose'. Getting there is a walk of faith. We learn. We mature. We grow. We make adjustments. However, as we move through the years of our life on this earth, the end goal and product, The Sub-Purpose, remains basically the same.

It's the 'Core Values' that the Holy Spirit drops into our heart that keep us 'On Track' in our Vision.

C. This is a difficult category to summarize.

In reality, we are to value everything in scripture. So how do we reduce that down to our 'Core Values'?

Let me try by saying Our 'Core Values' are the scriptural elements that stand out in value to fulfill the Vision for Word of Life. Again I state, everything in scripture is valuable and profitable. (II Tim. 3:16-17) But there are principles that God has pointed out that we'll need to give special attention to for 'this ministry'. They must remain an integral part of what we do in order to fulfill our mission.

There are certain things that we will always do, and some we will never do. These are the 'Core Values'.

1. The Word of God.

a. The scripture is the Basis for all of our beliefs, doctrines, and life. It is the infallible standard we measure everything against. Compromise on the Word will never be an option.

- b. *We consider ourselves to fit the term “Full Gospel”. What that means is we consider everything in the New Testament as relevant and available for today. The only portion of scripture that is not directly applicable for us today is the Old Testament Law and it’s ceremonies. These were all fulfilled in Christ and now receive their representation in the New Covenant. (Matthew 5:17-18; Galatians 3:19; Hebrews 7:18, 22; 8:13; Romans 10:4)*
- c. *The emphasis on the Word is where we get our name.*

“That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ.”

I John 1:1-3 - NIV

- d. *As it refers to in I John 1:1-3, the Word is not meant to be a bunch of inapplicable rules, ideas, and stories. It must be seen and presented as a necessity for our current time and life-style.*

The emphasis on the preaching, teaching, and living what the Scriptures / Bible has to say is a BIG DEAL at Word of Life.

2. The Freedom & Movement of the Holy Spirit. (John 14, 16; Acts 1-2; I Cor. 1, 12-14)

- a. *Over the years it has become evident in the American culture that the Holy Spirit is being recognized by name only. The moving of the Holy Spirit and allowing him to operate among us has been removed from most churches.*

Here at Word of Life, we refuse to bow to that tendency. We believe it is part of the Antichrist Spirit. Remember what the name “Christ” means? It means:

“The Messiah; the Anointed One and his Anointing”

The spirit of Anti-Christ is focused on being against (anti) the anointing. It is not against salvation, healing, miracles, etc. Anti-christ is against the messiah / the anointing. If the anointing is stopped, nothing else will happen.

The Anointing comes / manifests via the Holy Spirit. That’s why we refuse to bow to what is happening culturally in America. We speak in tongues, prophecy, give

messages in tongues and interpretations, sing in the Spirit, pray for healings, miracles, praise & worship as we feel he is directing us, and anything else he leads us to do (including all 9 of the gifts of the Spirit - 1 Corinthians 12).

The emphasis on the moving of the Holy Spirit in our services and in our lives is BIG DEAL at Word of Life.

- b. The Holy Spirit is alive and well. He has a very specific office to fulfill in the church. Unless he is allowed to do what he was sent for, his working is stifled. Everything the scripture has to say about the working of the Holy Spirit WILL be Encouraged at Word of Life.*
- c. It is a combination of the Fulness of the Word, (Full Gospel) and the Empowering of the Holy Spirit that are essential to the fulfilling of the Vision for Word of Life.*

3. Walking in Love.

“Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?” Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

Matthew 22:37-40 - NIV

- a. These are the first things we endeavor to do. Everything else follows.*

4. Service to others.

- a. It's meeting the needs of others as an expression of love. It is based on sowing and the attitude of servant leadership. It is fundamental to Godly leadership, and essential to spiritual growth.*

The term used in society for this is: ‘Customer Service’. (The things of God are ‘For Us’, but they are not all ‘About us’. As we mature our focus must be on others.)

“You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave— just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Matthew 20:25-28 - NIV

5. Obedience.

a. This is the second thing we strive to do. If we Love, this is the indicator of how much.

“This is love for God: to obey his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith.”

I John 5:3-4 - NIV

6. Hope and Faith.

a. According to the above verse, we must have faith to overcome and obey. Obedience is Love. So if we're going to Love God, we must have Faith. We can't even please God without Faith. (Hebrews 11:6)

b. Hope is a necessity in all of this. Without Hope there is no Faith. (Hebrews 11:1)

7. Intimately Knowing Him, and Him Knowing Us.

“But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in him”.

Philippians 3:7-9a - NIV

a. There is a difference in knowing about God, and knowing God. Knowing about God is referred to as religion. Knowing Him is referred to as relationship. In the New Testament, we are called to Relationship. (Romans 8:15-16)

b. There is also the other side of the coin emphasized on scripture: Jesus knowing us.

It's important to have an ongoing / solid relationship with him so that he knows us.

“Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. "Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' "And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!”

Matthew 7:21-23 - NKJV

8. Pleasing Him.

a. *This is the motivation in all of life is: “Pleasing God”.*

“We pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way”

Colossians 1:10 - NIV

“We are not trying to please men but God, who tests our hearts.”

I Thess. 2:4 - NIV

“Finally, brothers, we instructed you how to live in order to please God, as in fact you are living. Now we ask you and urge you in the Lord Jesus to do this more and more.”

I Thess. 4:1 - NIV

9. Living in Unity.

a. *There is only one thing that can defeat the Church of Jesus Christ. Scripture makes it plain that nothing from the outside can undermine or destroy a church. We are the only ones who can do it. The way it is accomplished is if we become divided against ourselves. (Matthew 12:25)*

b. *That is why the scripture stresses Unity. Division will kill us. It cannot be allowed. (I Corinthians 1:10; Genesis 11:6; Matthew 18:19; John 17:20-23; Eph. 4:13)*

c. *Where there is unity, the Lord bestows his Blessing. (Ps. 133:1,3)*

10. The Anointing.

a. *This is referring to God’s method of transferring things from his kingdom over into the physical realm we live in. It manifests for the purpose of operation in the supernatural. It is the transference of the things of God and the Power of God to his people.*

b. *If Jesus needed it, how much more do we need it!!! (Luke 4:18-19; Acts 10:38)*

c. *It comes with the presence of God, so we should always sense it at work among us. He’s given us the anointing. We should live in it. (II Cor. 1:21; I John 2:20, 27)*

11. The Supernatural.

- a. *By Supernatural we are referring to Salvation, Signs, Wonders, Miracles, Baptism in the Holy Spirit, Casting out Demons, Raising the Dead, Angelic Visitations, Gifts of the Spirit, Tangible Presence of the Spirit, Visions, Dreams, Displays of the Glory, Healings, Deliverances, Etc., Etc.*
- b. *All through out the New Testament, these things followed the believers. (Book of Acts) In fact we are commanded to operate in the supernatural and have it at work among us. (Mark 16:15-18; I Cor. 12:31; 14:1)*
- c. *A church without the manifestation of the supernatural has either become or is quickly becoming spiritually dead.*

12. Corporate and Individual Prayer.

- a. *Prayer is the life-blood of any believer or church. It is so necessary that we are told to pray continually. (I Thess. 5:17)*
- b. *It is one of the primary necessities to spiritual warfare, and overcoming. (Eph. 6:18)*
- c. *It brings Unity and activates the Supernatural. (Acts 4:23-31)*

13. Striving for Maturity.

- a. *This has been commanded of every believer. (Matthew 5:48)*
- b. *It is to be a primary end-product of the work of the church in believes.
(Ephesians 4:11-16)*

14. Whole Hearted Praise and Intimate Worship.

- a. *Praise can be 'Perfected'. (KJV) It means to be made "complete, or put in order".
(Matthew 21:16)*
- b. *It is part of the process of coming into the Lord's intimate place. (Ps. 100:4)*
- c. *The Father is seeking worshippers who will do so in spirit and in truth.
(Matthew 15:8-9; John 4:22-24)*
- d. *We are commanded to worship God. (Matthew 4:10)*

15. Integrity & Credibility.

- a. *Ministry is a relationship of trust. For trust to be built in a church, it's people, and pastoral staff - we must set an example of Integrity and Credibility in everything we do.*
- b. *Ministry is a relationship of trust. For trust to be built in the personal relationships we have within and without the church, we must set an example of Integrity and Credibility in everything we do.*
- c. *Ephesians 4:1-6, 17 - 5:21.*

16. Excellence.

- a. *The Old Test. standard was that God was given the best or he didn't want it.*
- b. *The New Test. standard is to give him ALL of us. All of our Heart, Soul, Mind, Strength.*
- c. *We are told that whatever we do for the Lord, we are to do it with all our might.*
(Eccl. 9:10)
- d. *Definition of Excellence: All authority is delegated. It is our responsibility to protect and promote the same spirit, will, purpose and standards as the authority we are under.*
- e. *Excellence in ministry is doing the very Best we are capable of.*
- f. *Re-evaluation: Our Best only Remains Our Best until we can do Better. Then we must strive on or we are no longer offering our Best.*

17. Responsibility must equal Authority.

- a. *When Jesus sent out the twelve disciples, he gave them the authority needed to carry out the responsibility he was requiring them to fulfill. (Matthew 10; Luke 10)*
- b. *“From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked.”*
Luke 12:48 - NIV

c. In order to maintain Righteousness, the Leading of the Holy Spirit, and Excellence, the people with the authority must carry the responsibility. We do not have people placed in positions of authority and decision making who are not carrying a proportional amount of the responsibility. It does not produce Godliness.

18. Major on the Majors. Minor on the Minors.

a. Majors - Eternal Perspectives.

- *Generations and Lineage.*
- *Earthly Covenant With God*
- *Love, Unity, Anointing, Ministry.*
- *Agreement with the Holy Spirit.*
- *Etc.*

b. Minors - Clothes and Styles.

- *Focusing on Mistakes in our Growth Process.*
- *Styles of Music.*
- *Structure of Services.*
- *Outward Appearance.*
- *Etc.*

“Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You blind guides! You strain out a gnat but swallow a camel.”

Matthew 23:23-24 - NIV

19. Authenticity.

Being Real and Genuine before God and man. It is the absence of pretense. It is the opposite of hypocrisy. It's an attitude of presenting the real you. Transparency. It gives credit where credit is due.

“But the Wisdom that is from above is first of all pure.....without Hypocrisy.”

James 3:17 - KJV

20. Stewardship.

Is properly managing the time, talents, and treasures He has entrusted to us. Being faithful to how he would handle these things.

“Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.”

I Corinthians 4:1-2 - NIV

- a. Financial integrity.*
- b. Management of Volunteer time with integrity.*
- c. Recognizing and utilizing the talents of the congregation with integrity.*

III. Word of Life's - 'Vision'.

A. 'Vision' begins in the heart of one person and will spread to others from that one.

A Vision is not born in a group of people. It's born in one person.

God does not search the earth for a group of people, a committee, a church, etc. -

- 1. He looks for a man or woman and births his 'Purpose' in their heart. That Purpose becomes their Purpose for being.*
- 2. Then he instills growth, maturity, character into them. Out of that Threshing Floor comes the 'Core Values' that will guide their life.*
- 3. Now the person is ready to 'See' how God wants them to do the 'Purpose'.*

That 'Seeing' it, is called; "Vision".

B. In a church setting, the Vision will follow the flow from the pastor.

Scripturally, there is one person who is set in charge of and will ultimately give account for the local church. That person is the Pastor. Of the five ministry gifts, the Pastor is the only one charged with taking care of the local church. This person is referred to as: bishop, elder, over-seer, shepherd, and pastor. All the titles are referring to the same person. There is no scriptural evidence to support any other ministry gift was ever put in charge of a church.

C. The Pastor becomes the primary one (not the only one) responsible to receive from God and pass it on to the people for that congregation.

The Vision will be the same.

Again I repeat what I said earlier, according to scripture Visions are not born in committees or groups of people. Vision is always given to one man or woman. Then it will spread to a group. (not Vice/Versa)

The direction that God wants to take a congregation will be born in the pastor. Then God will gather people to that 'Vision' so that it can come to pass. The Vision is to flow from the heart of God. The man is simply the representative of it. People are not to be gathered

to a man or woman simply because of the person. (Their personality, charm, appearance, etc.) This will result in the people following man, not God. Like-Minded and Like-Visioned People will be gathered around a Primary Vision, and Sub-Purpose that God is wanting to accomplish in a church. Just as the pastor is to be the 'Representative' of the vision given to him by God, the people are to be the 'Representatives' of that same vision. That will help produce two things: (1) Everyone is still following God, not a man. (2) Unity is much easier to establish and maintain.

D. What is the Vision of Word of Life?

We know we must fulfill the General 5-fold Purpose given to every church. But what is our specific emphasis, or mission? What is the basic Sub-Purpose that we are to build upon?

We are a "How To Church".

Or to say it another way:

We are to empower people "To Know How To".

They're both saying the same thing. What is it that we're to help people "Know How To" do? Live the Christian Life in a Victorious and Over-coming manner.

- 1. To help every believer to 'Know How To' live out the General Purposes of the church.*
- 2. And, to help them to 'Know How To' live in the Full-Gospel Sub-Purposes of scripture.*
- 3. To Equip and Enable Believers to live a Victorious, Over-coming Christian Life.*

E. What does it mean to be a 'How To Church'?

- 1. Remember a vision is birthed out of a person. To understand what it means we need to see a little of how it came about.*
- 2. The Vision for Word of Life originated in Pastor Vern. Here is the story behind it.*

I (Pastor Vern) was born into a Christian home. The church my parents belonged to was an Assemblies of God Church, so I was raised in an A/G church. My parents were very committed to and very supportive of what God was doing in that church. So I was at the church a lot. We didn't miss many services. There were 3 services per week.

Most of my growing up years there were 2 weeks of revival meetings each fall and each spring. (7 services per week) In June there was a week of special emphasis services and teaching. For that week there were 3 services per day for 8 days. (Sunday through Sunday) And I went to all of them. That was just the regularly scheduled stuff. The special events were besides. I spent a lot of time hearing various ministers proclaim the word.

This might be a good time to add - AND IT DIDN'T HURT ME EITHER. The out come of it all > God called me into the ministry. Now I'm doing the speaking. However, there was one thing that started to bother me at a very young age. I was Born-Again at age 7, and Baptized in the Holy Spirit at age 14. Looking back, I can emphatically say that I didn't really 'kick in' spiritually until I was Baptized in the Holy Spirit. Now I started to really pay attention. And there was one thing that always surfaced. It was this:

We were always being shown from the word 'What' we were supposed to be and do as a christian. But rarely did anyone address 'How' to do it.

Knowing what I know at this point in life, I can look back and say that was the beginning of me 'Seeing' my Sub-Purpose in life. I remember it began with questions about how are we supposed to do these things. Then it moved into frustration and aggravation because no one was doing a very good job at answering my questions. I watched people around me stumbling through life trying to do WHAT they were being taught out of the word. Yet, they were really struggling to make it happen in many areas of their lives. Once I knew I was going into the ministry, this became my theme: I'm not going to just tell people WHAT God has for them - I'm going to tell them HOW to get it.

Now my purpose was starting to boil up from the inside of me. I was 'SEEING' it. The Vision had dropped into my heart.

- 3. This church started in the heart of God. He picked the name for it. It comes from a scripture that actually describes our Sub-Purpose. It's I John 1:1-3:*

"That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ."

Notice the points in this scripture:

- a. **“That which was from the beginning”**. *This has to do with none other but God. He is what everything is built around. As we read on we’ll see that it specifically is dealing with Jesus.*
 - b. **“Which we have heard”**. *We’ve come in contact with him and learned of him via hearing.*
 - c. **“Which we have seen with our eyes”**. *We’ve come in contact with him and learned of him via sight.*
 - d. **“Which we have looked at”**. (AMP - “Whom we have Gazed Upon”) *We have fixed our attention on him and studied him.*
 - e. **“Our hands have touched”**. *This involves personal contact and interaction.*
 - f. **“This we proclaim”**. *This is the heart of our message. What we’ve learned and interacted with.*
 - g. **“That you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ.”**

“Fellowship” - Greek > “Koinonia”. Koinonia speaks of Covenant. We’ve Covenanted with each other. We’ve Covenanted with our God.
 - h. **“We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. Our emphasis is ‘Inclusive’ - not ‘Exclusive’. Evangelism is to be at the heart of this organization.**
4. *As you go on through I John, it is explained how this will take place. I call it the ‘This Is How You Know’ book. (Quoting the NIV)*
- a. 2:3 - **“We Know that we have come to know him we we obey his commands.”**
 - b. 2:5 - **“This is how we know we are in him....”**
 - c. 2:18 - **“This is how we know it is the last hour.”**
 - d. 2:29 - **“If you know that he is righteous, you know that everyone who does what is right has been born of him.”**
 - e. 3:2 - **“We know that when he appears, we shall be like him.....”**
 - f. 3:10 - **“This is how we know who the children of God are.....”**
 - g. 3:14 - **“We know that we have passed from death to life...”**
 - h. 3:16 - **“This is how we know what love is...”**
 - i. 3:19 - **“This then is how we know that we belong to the truth...”**

- j. 3:24 - "And this is how we know that he lives in us...."
 - k. 4:2 - "This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God...."
 - l. 4:6 - "This is how we recognize the Spirit...."
 - m. 4:9 - "This is how God showed his love among us...."
 - n. 4:13 - "We know that we live in him....."
 - o. 4:16 - "And so we know and rely on the love God has for us."
 - p. 5:2 - "This is how we know that we love....."
 - q. 5:13 - "I write these thing to you who believe....so that you may know...."
 - r. 5:18 - "We know that anyone born of God...."
 - s. 5:20 - "We know also that the son of God has come...."
5. *It makes sense that the Holy Spirit would 'marry' what he created in me to that scripture. The Vision is the expression of the book of I John.*
6. *There was a need in this community and this region that he wanted filled. So he created us for that Purpose. I personally believe we are a replacement anointing in this area. But none-the-less, here we are. Through various Assignments and Mandates, we arrived in Minnesota, and now we're seeing the Vision actively come to life.*
7. *The Purpose for Mary and my life was put within us a long time ago. So when the time was right, God brought the minister and the need together. So the ministry will take on the flavor of the people called to do the ministry. (Mary and I) The Vision for a church starts in the heart of a person. That just happens to be us.*

F. The Natural Flow of Ministry.

1. *Being a 'How To' church or ministry is not something that we have to concentrate on. It's not something we have to remember to do. It's something that just flows out of us. IT COMES NATURALLY. It's how we're wired. Our spirit, mind, emotions, reasoning, etc. naturally gravitate and flow that way.*
2. *Remember, before we were born, God had the plan. So he created us to meet the needs of the plan. Our gifts, perspectives, desires, motivations, etc. all revolve around what God built into us. We're created for it, so that FLOW COMES EASY.*

That doesn't mean the answers always come easily. It's still work and takes an enormous amount of preparation, study, research, application, etc. It's Still WORK!!! Everything we do in life still takes effort. It's just that the things we're created to do, because of design, we're more capable of actually doing them. When a person tries to work in a realm they're not designed for, it's typically quite impossible. They never do accomplish much. They're not designed to do it.

3. *Because it's work, we have to continually be sharpening, honing, and developing what God has put inside of us. But the design we were created in, will never change. No matter how many bells and whistles you put on it, a car will always be a car. We will always flow down the line of wanting people to 'See' HOW TO live this christian life. Everything within us moves that direction.*
4. *I list the information in points #1-3 above because the principles apply to not just Mary and I, and Word of Life. Whatever YOUR Purpose, Sub-Purpose, and Vision are, they apply to YOU also.*
5. *We'll add some specifics to that in the sections below.*

G. In a church setting, if this is understood, it can be wonderful.

If it is not understood, it can be devastating. Too often people feel everyone has the Vision or a piece of the Vision for the church. It's devastating because it will cause power struggles, disunity, strife, etc. The reason it causes those things is because everyone feels their vision of what should happen is as important as anyone else's. Then the people who win the power struggle will prevail and the pastor will simply carry out their wishes. (Now he's become a hireling)

So in the middle of this strife, disunity, hurt feelings, etc. - we're expecting God to move. If that's how the church is set up governmentally, everyone has equal say - that will cripple the church the same way it would cripple a secular company if the business side were run that way. If all the employees would have equal say as to what a company should do, and the president of the company was simply the person who carried out their wishes, the company would be destroyed in a matter of months. It doesn't work in the business world, and it doesn't work in the church either. God's a smarter businessman than that. That's why he didn't set it up that way in scripture.

The challenge from the pastoral perspective is to hear what God wants and fully obey it. Be true to the design, gifts, and vision he has put in the pastor's heart. And yet, include and listen to the covenant partners as a companion. (Marriage picture) Because it's a voluntary organization, and people are not coming for a paycheck, the key to that working is listed above. I'll restate it here:

God will gather people to that 'Vision' so that it can come to pass. Like-Minded and Like-Visioned People will be gathered around a Primary Vision, and Sub-Purpose that God is wanting to accomplish in a church. Just as the pastor is to be the 'Representative' of the vision given to him by God, the people are to be the 'Repre-

sentatives' of that same vision. That will help produce two things: (1) Everyone is still following God, not a man. (2) Unity is much easier to establish and maintain. Vision's do not mix very well. Small Variations of how a vision is carried out, are workable and usually even positive. However, when it becomes disagreement concerning the basic foundations on which an organization operates - now disunity and trouble will be produced. When people feel they have 'A Vision' of their own on how the organization should be run, that will result in nothing but trouble and strife.

The challenge to pastoring the vision is being inclusive of the companion, (church people) but not at the expense of the basic foundations that God put into the person that God used to create the vision. Those basic foundational building blocks are listed next. (E - below)

H. The Mix of Gifts. The basic foundational building blocks.

God will always use a person (man or woman) to birth a church. The church will form in line with how God has gifted and uses that particular person to accomplish the purpose God is seeking.

The coloring of the person and ultimately the church will come from that gifting.

- 1. What is their emphasis in the 5-fold gifts: Apostle, Pastor, Prophet, Evangelist, or Teacher. (Ephesians 5) That will always paint the over-all setting of the picture of the individuals life and the church or ministry that is born out of them.*
- 2. Next the motivational gifts are mixed in to define how that picture will look. (Rom. 12)*
- 3. With that will be mixed the emphasis they carry in the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. (I Corinthians 12) These also form and shape the person.*
- 4. Then we must add in the personality, abilities, and the things that motivate the person.*
- 5. And lastly, but definitely not least we must consider the experiences, culture, environment, etc. that have helped shape and form the person. (Acts 17)*

God placed these into that man or woman so they can most readily accomplish God's purpose for their lives. (Ps. 139) They are all used in helping to shape and form the person to accomplish what God desires.

I. Then the Vision is brought into clarity.

Into this awesome mix, God will place a burning desire of His heart. The Vision is literally an impartation of the Heart of God. The Vision is the way God is longing to see His Purpose accomplished in the person and ultimately the church.

That is all stirred together in the person like a giant mixing pot, and out of that will come:

A Unique, One of a Kind, Individual Vision or Burning Desire to see something accomplished (the sub-purpose) for God in a specific manner.

J. Building Around the Vision.

To that Vision, God will gather people. The church is a body of people (I Cor. 12) working to accomplish the purposes of God. God always works with a group of people, because no one person has everything they need spiritually, emotionally, or physically to accomplish the task. God has ordained the various members/parts of the body to accomplish different aspects of work. Jesus was the only person who was given the Spirit without measure. (John 3:34) The rest of us carry an aspect or measure of the Holy Spirit to accomplish our life's work. That is why we need each other to fulfill a Vision.

This mix of individuals, gifts, anointing, and purposes is very powerful. But it's the Vision (overall purpose and goal) that cements them together and moves them the same direction. This Vision will always solidify the reason or purpose a particular church exists. That Vision may adapt to changes in society and the world over the years, but rarely will it evolve into a different Purpose.

That's why different churches carry different emphasis. They operate differently from each other. They approach the task differently, and will use different methods. Yet all the while working on the same task of spreading the gospel and bringing people into the kingdom so they can be matured and disciplined.

K. The goal for pastoral ministry. (My job description)

1. Like starting any type of company. The people starting it do 90% (+) of the work. That's normal and even expected. The danger comes in a church setting when that becomes what is expected by the church people. The Pastor(s) should do it all. The exact opposite is what is actually true.

2. Scripture is very direct on this subject. This is what it says:

“It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works

of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. **From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.**”

Ephesians 4:11-16 - NIV

3. *As people catch the vision, God expects them to get in and do the work. Each part of the body has a job to do and is to be working.*
4. *Again, just like in any company, why doesn't the owner do it all. Because it won't work. It's not possible. The way the church operates the smoothest, is when the most people are involved - rallied behind a single vision.*
5. *The pastor is quickly to move toward what he is supposed to do. (Which is not the work of the ministry) Scripturally, here is the pastor's portfolio.*
 - a. *Spend time in the word and prayer. (Acts 6:4)*
 - b. *Steward the pulpit. Be a pulpit ministry that is effective. (Acts 6:4; I Tim. 5:17)*
 - c. *Have General Over-sight and Shepherd. (I Tim. 3:5; Titus 1:7; I Peter 5:2-4)*
 - d. *Cultivate and articulate the Vision. (Find and lead in the direction God is wanting to move) (I Tim. 3:5; Titus 1:7; I Peter 2:25, 5:2)*

**** That is a full time job. Eventually, everything else needs to be delegated.*

L. Differing Visions vs. Differing Denominations.

Since there is such a diversity of people in God's creation, and since no one church is going to appeal to all people, God will form many churches to accomplish many different tasks in an effort to reach ALL the people of a community, region, country, and world. This is not to be confused with different denominations. Denominations are a man-made structure. They separate out by beliefs and doctrine. Different beliefs and doctrine are not of God. God is not confused as to what he believes and knows. He has written one book. He has declared what his will is and how it is to be accomplished on this earth. What he wants accomplished: Salvation, Baptism in the Holy Spirit, Gifts of the Spirit, Healing, Miracles, Discipleship, Maturity, Love, Water Baptism, etc. are a constant. They

don't change by changing the Vision he gives to someone. The sad part is they change by man's traditions, beliefs, and doctrines. It was never intended to operate that way.

M. Pastoral Change and a Church's Purpose and Vision.

Changing pastors in a church can be wonderful or devastating event.

IT WILL LITERALLY MAKE OR BREAK THE CHURCH.

That's another reason why the laity tends to take charge and simply tell the pastor how and what he can and cannot do. The problem now is that you have a hireling. (John 10) This is someone who has to fulfill the will of the employer (the people) before he/she can fulfill the will of the Lord. It's upside - down.

The one thing that should never change in a church is the Sub-Purpose for which that church was brought into existence. If you change that, the anointing and moving of the Spirit which was given to that church (It's candlestick. - Revelation 1-4) will at the very least be hampered, and could be rendered useless. Now you have a social organization without the power of God active in it. How to get the job done (which is more the Vision) can change to a degree, and sometimes it needs to for the organization to remain fresh and relevant. However changing the job that needs to get done (The Sub-Purpose) will always affect the church negatively. (the only exception to that is if the Lord is wanting to birth a new purpose in that church and community.)

N. Churches and Apostles.

The concept of an apostle to a church (Like Paul) should be followed to keep the continuity of the original vision and flow intact. Over the years a church can lose it's way in what was God's purpose for forming it. FAR TOO OFTEN THIS IS THE CASE IN THE AVERAGE CHURCH. When this happens, the church goes through the motions, but the life-giving force, the power, the anointing seem to be lacking. It becomes a gathering of believers, a type of social-club, but it's not accomplishing what it was created to do. Believers can sense once this has taken place. As a result, the church usually stops growing and becomes the housing place for the ones that feel they need to remain faithful to what once was.

To illustrate this, I was at a church for a speaking engagement. During the course of the service the Lord showed me a huge portrait of the church as seen from the platform. It was torn almost all the way through starting from the top left corner down toward the bottom right corner. The Lord told me: "I want to restore the original picture of this church. I want it to go back to what I called it to be when I formed it."

Interestingly, most of the people in the church had no clue what the original picture had been. Some of the old-timer's knew exactly what God was talking about. It had been an Evangelistic Emphasis Church. It had a huge impact on the children of the community. The pastor and church were quick to heed the correction in course and the church immediately began to return to it's roots. God wonderfully supplied buses, etc. to get the job done.

The disturbing part is that in time God moved that pastor on and a new pastor with a completely different purpose and vision took over the church. Within months, the thrust to return to the original design and emphasis of the church was abandoned. A new purpose was put into place. To my knowledge, the church slowly disintegrated and is struggling today.

Why?? Remember the beginning of the book: 'God Blesses His Purposes, Not Ours.' God raised that church up to meet a need. His anointing and blessing will be on that purpose and path. The more a church veers from God's Purpose for it, the less anointing, blessing, and supernatural will manifest.

That's why the Apostle Paul didn't let go of watching over the churches under his care. He remained a stabilizing factor that always held the church to its original course. That is a scriptural directive set by example. The more closely a church adheres to it, the more constant it can be held to what God will Bless - their Original Purpose.

O. In God's 'Purpose' there are a few things that must flow in our 'Sub-Purpose'. A Godly Vision will focus on:

- 1) Building the Individual.**
- 2) Which Builds the Marriage.**
- 3) Which Builds the Family.**
- 4) Which Builds the Church.**
- 5) Which Builds the Community.**
- 6) Which Builds the Nation and World.**
- 7) All of these work together to Build the Kingdom of God.**

God's Primary Focus will always be the Human Being. Our Focus must stay the same. Everything else is non-eternal and must be a lower priority.

All physical things: equipment, land, buildings, etc. are all tools. These cannot become the main priority and focus. They are to play a support role only to the true Purpose and Vision.

P. The Heart of our Vision is to teach, show, enable people to 'KNOW HOW TO' live their Christian Life Victoriously.

- 1. Right from the start let me refer you back to the Core Values and Assignments/ Mandates. There is quite a bit of information there that we won't repeat here. Go back and read that material from the perspective of helping people to know "How To" live their christian life. In doing so you will find many things concerning how God is showing us to accomplish this vision.**
- 2. Obviously the first thing this needs to be built upon is the Word. Everything is weighed and measured against the Word.**

We believe in and practice the Office of Prophet, as well as the Gifts of Utterance, (Tongues, Interpretation of Tongues, and Prophecy) however we try to walk in a balance concerning them. The primary one responsible to give information to an individual is the Holy Spirit. He is our Counselor, Guide, Teacher, Informer, Reminder, Paraclete, Vision and Dream Giver, Etc. A man or woman is never to take his position. Once we start looking to man for the leading of God in our life, we are out of balance. The Holy Spirit will speak to us through (a) the Written Word, and (b) the Rhema Word. (Words He Speaks to us) Without him, we won't understand any spiritual thing. (I Corinthians 2) So we are not into looking to a Prophet to tell us what to do. They can confirm and offer additional information to what we already know, but they are never to be the primary source.

A major focus at W/L is on people learning how to hear the voice of the Holy Spirit for themselves.

- 3. The Holy Spirit will always be central to what we are trying to do. It's the reason he was given. To the church of Jesus Christ, he is currently:**
 - The Anointer (Lu. 4:18-19; I Jn. 2:20,27)
 - Counselor (John 14:16; 16:7)
 - Paraclete/Comforter (John 14:16; 15:26)
 - Sanctifier (John 14:17; Rom. 15:16)
 - Gift Giver and Manifester (I Cor. 12-14)
 - Revealer (John 16:13-15; I Cor. 2)
 - Interceder (Romans 8:26-27)
 - Makes Jesus Lord to us (I Cor. 12:3)
 - Born-Again (John 3:5-6; 6:63)
 - Etc. Etc. Etc.
 - We can't do anything without him.
 - Teacher (John 14:26)
 - Guide (John 16:13)
 - Convicter/Convincer (Jn. 16:5-11)
 - Gives Power (Acts 1:8)
 - Leader (Luke 2:25-27; 4:1)
 - Helper (John 14:16; 16:7)
 - Connection to Father/Jesus
 - Strengthener (Eph. 3:16-17)
 - Deliverance (Matt. 12:28)

(Further study: Booklet "Understanding the Father, Son, & Holy Spirit - Primary Focus: The Holy Spirit")

4. *Through the Word and the Holy Spirit we have everything we need to live a victorious and over-coming life for God. We have the Promises (II Peter 1:3-4) and the Spirit to reveal the word to us. (I Cor. 2:6-16)*
5. *Word of Life was formed for the Generations. This was spoken to Pastor Vern before they had moved to MN. The Lord has confirmed it repeatedly via prophecies.*
 - a. *What does that mean? Our focus should not be predominantly about the older generation. This happens many times in churches. The reason usually is two-fold. (1) It's the older generation that has the money to fund the organization. (2) They are the ones who the Lord worked through to get the organization to this point. Therefore because pride enters in - it is presumed the next generation doesn't know what they're doing. We're not going to allow the younger ones to become the focus. We must not allow that attitude to develop at W/L.*

A perfect example of this is one of our short range goals. Layout the building site and build the first phase. We will be more focused on what the next generation desires and needs than the over 50 bunch. Yes, our opinion plays in, but we have been instructed to set up the next generation. So it must be mostly about them.
 - b. *Generations immediately infers Family. You can't have Generations without Family. Everything we do need's to either have some type of family vision, or support a family vision.*
 - c. *"They are the Hope of this world." (1/14/11) This is the way we need to begin viewing the next generations. If the truth be told, the over 50 year olds have spent a great portion of our life doing their thing. It's not that the older ones won't do any thing from this point forward. We carry a very important role of over-sight, encouragement, support, funding, etc. But in order to stay out of the way of what God wants to do in the next generation, we must start making a mentality switch. In the coming years, we must begin fading out in carrying the main role and allow the next generations to begin shining brighter.*

We must see and understand their importance in the revivals of the last days.
6. *God commanded us to go and make Disciples. (General Purpose) Our Sub-Purpose or emphasis in making disciples comes from the direction of teaching 'How To' be a disciple. What that looks like. It goes back to the foundation of our Vision:*

WORD OF LIFE IS HERE TO TEACH, SHOW, AND ENCOURAGE THEM

'HOW TO'

LIVE THIS EARTHLY LIFE IN A GODLY AND PROSPEROUS MANNER.

That covers every area of life. That's why we don't focus on one particular area or emphasis of the scriptures. We are not just a Revival Church. We are not just a church that flows in the Gifts of the Spirit. We are not just a Healing Church. We are not just a Missions Church. We are a church that must teach, practice, and impart the 'Whole Counsel of God'.

“But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God. And now, behold, I know that ye all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of God, shall see my face no more. Wherefore I take you to record this day, that I am pure from the blood of all men. For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God.”

Acts 20:24-27 - KJV

Why? Because to enable people to 'Know How To Do' the word of God, every possible subject and question that can arise must be dealt with.

TO ENABLE SOMEONE TO KNOW WHAT GOD IS ASKING OF THEM IN EVERY AREA OF LIFE, WE MUST ADDRESS AND HAVE ANSWERS FOR EVERY QUESTION, ISSUE, AND SUBJECT THAT A BELIEVE MIGHT ENCOUNTER. WE ARE TO HAVE A GODLY, RIGHTEOUS, FAITH BUILDING, LIFE IMPARTING ANSWER AND SOLUTION FOR THEIR SITUATION.

**WE ARE TO ENABLE THEM
TO 'KNOW HOW TO' LIVE THIS EARTHLY
LIFE VICTORIOUSLY FOR GOD.**

- 7. A great deal of this is accomplished in group settings. Church services, bible studies, etc. But since every person is unique and has unique situations they are dealing with in life, general answers don't always give a complete answer for the person to know 'How To' deal with the problem coming against them.*

One-on-one teaching and instruction is a major method God uses and anoints at Word of Life to accomplish this task. It can take the form of:

- group question and answer times*
- personal question and answer times*
- supernatural direction via Gifts of the Spirit*
- counseling*
- etc.*

Individual working with people is vital to fulfilling the Vision God has given to us.

IV. Word of Life's Assignments and Mandates.

Since every church has a Vision, every church must have Assignments given to it to carry out that Vision.

A. Assignment: *“a task or piece of work assigned to someone as part of a job or course of study
- the allocation of a job or task to someone - the task or post to which one has been appointed - an act of making a legal transfer of a right, property, or liability”*

- Assignment has to do with things like Where, How & What, With Whom, Focus, Design and Gifting.

- Assignments are ‘Projects’ that God gives to us to do.

B. Mandate: *“an official order or commission to do”*

- Mandate has to do with Commission, Orders, Authority, Responsibility, Etc.

- Mandates are ‘Orders, or Commands’.

C. They can be long, intermediate, or short-term. *(Just like the Vision) They can be unchangeable for a life-time, (Long-Term) or be transitory over the Short and Intermediate Term.*

D. They are the stones *that become the building blocks of the structure God is establishing via our lives.*

E. So let's look at the first one: Assignment.

1. Where.

a. Cambridge, MN and the surrounding area. (Given: November, 2003)

b. In the spring of 2009, God assigned a geographical area to us. We are to watch over this region and work in it spiritually.

c. Will our assignment of where grow larger than that? It may, but for now that is all that has been revealed. However, we have been told to get onto the ‘Corridors of

Victory'. (May 16, 2009) That has to do with ministry within the region. It will likely extend beyond the region.

- d. These things are part of the Sub-Purpose God has given to us. Remember: Our General Purpose is the same as any other church which means in some way we are to minister to everyone from local to world wide. (Acts 1:8)*

2. How.

- a. Via a church-based type of organization. We are not a traveling ministry; a TV based ministry; a literature based ministry; an internet ministry; nor a conference based ministry. God has asked us to be a church-based ministry. That will automatically help dictate how we will operate and function.*
- b. Via all media available. We may not be a specific type of media-based ministry, but that doesn't stop us from using whatever media is available to accomplish our Assignment.*
- c. Churches are people-to-people type of organizations. That will always dictate staff. One person can only minister to a limited number of people. To stay available to everyone and have the time to minister to them beginning with the individual, to the couple, to the family, etc. (IV. - J > Below) demands people-power. One-on-one interaction. That can only be accomplished through staff. (Volunteer or Hired)*

3. What.

- a. A local church with a regional focus and ministry capability.*

4. With Whom.

- a. We are currently affiliated with and accountable to The Association of Faith Churches and Ministers. (AFCM)*
- b. Lay People with a like-mind and vision. This point may seem too basic in thinking, however I think it's worth pointing out that we are not building a company, restaurant chain, manufacturing facilities, investment firm, etc. In most business settings, people are the customer base and that's all they'll ever be. In our setting, it begins with people being the customer base (the consumer), but if we are doing what scripture tells us, the customer base must move into working in the company. That process sets the church apart from the average business-minded approaches.*

5. Focus.

- a. The Unserved, Lost, Hungry, Starving, and Displaced.*
- b. The Generations.*
- c. Our focus is not sheep stealing and will never be. We do not actively recruit and go after people from other congregations. When given an opportunity to begin that pro-*

cess, we back away from it. However, if people are feeling to make a switch from a different church to W/L, we will not turn them away. It's between them and god.

6. Design.

- a. Our Design is to be a church/ministry for the whole family. We must always endeavor to meet the needs of the entire family. We should never plan to exclude some area of the family.*
- b. There will be specialized ministries that we are to promote. Such as: Prison Ministry, ½ Way Houses, Christian School, Etc. But our Design must always be built around ministry to the whole family unit.*

7. Gifting. (Ministry vs. Programs)

- a. Specialized ministry must be built around Individual's Gifting, Anointing, and Call.*
- b. We do not run Programs. We promote Ministry. There is a huge difference.*

Here is what I mean by that:

- Ministry has to do with the Leading of the Holy Spirit, the Anointing, A Word and Direction from the Lord, the Supernatural, etc. God anoints people > not programs. The world is changed by Vision and Anointing, > not programs. Ministry starts with a Call of God on someone. People minister to people.

- Programs have to do with nice ideas, people's personal lack or inadequacies, tradition, the way we're accustomed and comfortable with doing it, etc. Programs entertain. They cannot minister because ministry is done by the anointing. Unless it's born in the heart of God and given to someone to carry out, it won't be anointed. (If that does happen, then it is no longer a program)

- c. People don't lay down their lives for a program. But they will if God has asked them to do something.*

THIS ONE POINT IS USUALLY THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SUCCESS AND FAILURE. When god asks us to do something, there is always a cost on our part. It will not happen unless we die to something of our flesh / lay down (sacrifice) a realm of our life for the cause.

When people are called by God to do something, they'll die for it. It's a ministry to them. Programs don't inspire that level of dedication.

- d. *Programs don't change people's lives, Ministry Does. We don't want a Nice or Good Thing. We Want the Right Thing.*
- e. *Programs may make people feel like they're part of a large group, endeavor, etc. But they typically don't minister one-on-one. Programs usually blend people into groups. In that setting, the individual and what they need is usually overlooked.*
- f. *Word of Life is not and never will be a big Program Church. Programs can give Organization, Flow, and Help Support a Call or Vision. But a Program that does not stand on a Call or Anointing will die. We can keep trying to do the program, but it will not produce life. Ministries may take the shape of a Program in Mechanics. However there will always be one basic difference: Ministry is driven by the Holy Spirit to fulfill a Call and Vision. Programs are typically driven by old nature reasons. If they're not born of the Spirit, they're born of the flesh.*
- g. *The anointing and the super-natural show up for ministry. Ministry is something God put into someone's heart. It starts in God's heart and transfers to a person's heart. Once it's birthed in them, there is a zeal, desire, purpose, vision, and a strong perseverance to stick with it until it's accomplished. It came out of their spirit. They can't escape it. They eat it, sleep it, and breath it. It consumes their thinking and will stir their emotions. They feel personally responsible to God for seeing it through. It will drive them to action.*

Programs produce most of what we have in the American church. Let's try this. Let's try that. No one has heard from God. It's trial and error. And then when it doesn't go smoothly or easily, people tend to give up and say, well maybe it wasn't God. There's little maybe about it. It probably wasn't God. That's why it died. The only other possibility is that we are horrible stewards of the things God. But I don't believe the average christian tries to be a horrible steward. I tend to first of all look from the perspective that says it wasn't God. It was a program. Since we're usually not taught to distinguish between ministry and programs, we can fall into the program trap easily. Our focus at Word of Life is to try to stay away from programs.

- g. *In ministry, people's giftings will surface and become visible. They are the only tools that the Holy Spirit can use to accomplish the Lord's will. If the Holy Spirit doesn't show up to empower the endeavor, it will surely fail. He works through and anoints the gifts he put inside of us.*

Programs are typically built around personality, likeableness, personal charisma, personal need, nice ideas, etc. The Holy Spirit doesn't have to show up and the program will go on. It's built on the wrong foundation.

One easy rule-of-thumb way to recognize whether it's a program or a ministry is by asking yourself this question:

*What are the spiritual gifts that this person flows in?
If you can't identify the gifts that are promoting what's happening,
it's not a ministry. It's likely a program.*

8. Fellow-laborers or Clicks?

- a. People will separate out into support-groups and relationships according to their gifts, anointings, and ministry. This is the way it's suppose to work. People who share the same heart's cry and passion will draw to each other. They're both trying to accomplish the same purpose. They become Fellow-Laborers. They pray together. They brain-storm together. They plan together. They share successes and failures. They search for answers together. They spend time together. Typically a strong relationships develops based on their pull in ministry. This is good. This is the way it's suppose to work.*
- b. Clicks on the other hand develop out of very soulish or flesh based reasons. They will often separate out via like interests, friendships, personality agreement or clashes, enjoying each others company, their children are friends, etc. Clicks become exclusive. Only so many people are allowed into the 'Inner Circle'. It usually revolves around the ones who get along the best. And even if others would like to get close to these people, they usually don't 'really get in' to the group or click.*

It's one of the reasons the church is so powerless, we're not focused on the important things as far as God is concerned. Typically clicks are focused on a need we personally have, and trying to find a way to meet that need. We become more and more internal focused, and less and less external focused. What I mean by that is we lose our evangelistic edge and thrust. It's all about our 'already christian' friends and spending time with them. And eventually nothing is being done to get into the lives of the people who need Jesus.

If your relationships are not advancing any 'True' ministry, you're likely in a Click. If your relationships drive you on and promote 'True' ministry, it could very well be Fellowship. 'True' ministry being defined as a ministry that the ultimate goal is always 'Outward' focused. (The Unsaved, Lost, Hungry, Starving, and Displaced)

F. Now let's look at: Mandates.

1. **'Commission' - the authority to perform a task or certain duties.**
 - **an instruction, command, or duty given to a person or group of people.**
 - **an order for something, esp. a work of art, to be produced.**
 - **a work produced in response to such an order.**
 - **a group of people officially charged with a particular function.**

- a. ***The church moved to MN and was established under the Joseph's anointing. That anointing began spring, 2003. This anointing has to do with ultimately preparing for and weathering difficult times. Not only coming through these difficult times. But Prospering in them.***

This is a last-days anointing. The more difficult things become in the world around us, the more this ministry will Prosper. This Prosperity during difficult times is a promise of this Anointing. (Joseph's Anointing) It will be on all who are connected into and supporting/flowing in the Vision God has given to this ministry.

- b. ***One of the reasons we were to move to MN was for the Generations. (1/2004)***

- c. ***(Given to Joe Samsa - 9/25/2005 > First Sunday in the Modular Building)***
 - ***You have been deemed a last days church. (cf. Word from Lord - 8/10/10)***

(Without going back to the documentation of it, we were told that over and over again while the church was in CO)
 - ***You have been given a new name.***
 - ***The other levels are about to be super-imposed. (Reference Dream: Spring, 1995)***
 - ***I give you the North.***

- d. ***"Pray for this area like it is your own. For this day I give it to you." (4/6/06)***

- e. ***"You will be a regional church" (Open Heaven Mtgs. - 2008; and 6/3/08)***

- f. ***Jesus said: "I need a church up here who is willing to take a stand on witchcraft. Are you willing to do it?" I asked what was involved with doing it? He said, "The Kingdom and everything that is involved with the Kingdom manifesting on the earth". Scriptures he emphasized: Isaiah 60:1-3, 9b, 21b; 61:3, 9b; 62:3.***

(10/17/2006)

- g. ***Maintain Unity. (Spring - 2009)***

- h. Red River Valley identified as part of our region. (3/28/09)*
- i. The Lord tells us to go and set the boundaries for the region. (April, 2009)*
- j. First Regional Trip. (5/20-23/2009)
- Southern, Western, and Northern Boundary Line Established.*
- k. Second Regional Trip. (8/27-31/2009)
- Eastern Boundary Established.*
- l. Open Door to County Jails in NE Minnesota. (Fall - 2009)*
- m. (1) Obtain a deeper Love and Concern for the Lost.
(2) Go after a Building.
(Open Heaven Meetings - 2010)*

- 2. *'Orders' - an authoritative command, direction, or instruction.*
 - an oral or written request for something to be made, supplied, or served.*
 - a thing made, supplied, or served as a result of such a request.*
 - a written direction of a court or judge.*

- a. Know those who labour among you. (Jim Kaseman)*

“And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; And to esteem them very highly in love for their work’s sake. And be at peace among yourselves.”

1 Thessalonians 5:12 - KJV

Guard ministry in the church. Do not allow just anyone to minister. Treat it as a Holy thing. Not taken lightly. Know the people who minister with you. They can mess you up or help you. They can help build the ministry or help destroy it.

- b. Uncompromisingly speak the Word. Stake the future of the ministry on the Word of God. (1/2004)*
- c. Word of Life is called to be a Bride Church. (Prophecy - 1/30/2005)*
- d. “Embrace Mary’s anointing and gifts” (1/2006)*

- e. *“Bring the people to me and I will honor you. Bring them to you and I will rip the ministry away from you.” (1/29/2006)*
- f. *The Bridge Dream. (2/23/06).*
There is a bridge created by everyone’s individual life that will either support or hinder their efforts to get into the Blessing, Kingdom, and the Power (Power Lines) of God. The bridge of some people’s lives were built out of anger and greed. It would not support them to get to the other side/realm of Blessing, Kingdom, and Power. The bridge needs to be rebuilt.
- g. *Last week of July, 2006.*
The Lord told Pastor to buy 40 acres of land. When asked why? He said: “My vision is bigger than yours.”
- h. *“Turn the coming judgment into Victory.” (8/2/06)*
- i. *“You need to believe for Eric to come on staff. You’re trying to reach that generation and you don’t even have anyone on staff of that generation.” (5/07)*
- j. *“Do what you can to mature the saints. Harvest is coming.” (4/16/08)*
- k. *The Lord tells us to go and set the boundaries for the region. (April, 2009)*
- l. (1) *Obtain a deeper Love and Concern for the Lost.*
(2) *Go after a Building.*
(Open Heaven Meetings - 2010)
- m. *There are other commands / mandates that we have been given under our sub-purpose. The updates through 2023 are found in the section: ‘Opening the Scroll’.*

3. Authority.

- a. *Authority can only be established by the Commission. We are given world-wide authority for individual ministry as believers. However, as a church we only have authority in the areas we have received a commission.*
- b. *Authority can be physical or spiritual.*

*- Physical means having been given legal right in the physical realm and laws.
Most authority in this realm must flow from human government and laws.*

*- Spiritual means having been given legal right in the spiritual realm and laws.
Most authority in this realm must flow from God's Kingdom and his laws.*

- Example: God has asked us to watch over and care for a region. That does not give us the right to tell cities, counties, etc. how they are to run their business. We haven't been given that power by the ruling governmental authorities or the people.

However, in the spiritual realm we have great jurisdiction. In this realm we don't need human government approval. We are not under it. We are under a spiritual government, a kingdom that is not physical. Under the direction of that King, we have complete authority to carry out his commands. (Which by the way will almost entirely deal with spiritual government issues.)

4. Responsibility.

a. Responsibility follows the same principles given under Authority.

b. There will be certain things we are told to do, places to go, changes to be made, and spiritual authorities to be confronted and dealt with. We are responsible to carry out those directives.

c. Someone cannot be responsible for something they have no authority over.

G. Over the years the Lord has given us a huge amount of information.

The information in the 'Lines of the Scroll' section is given through 2023. Obviously more will be added as time goes on. (This begins on page 59)

V. Accomplishing Word of Life's Vision.

So how do we do all of this? (W/L Vision)

It's simple: We personally go there first. We can't give what we don't have. (Romans 8:32; I Cor. 2:12; Matthew 10:8) Another person said it this way: 'You can't lead where you haven't gone'.

It is imperative that we at Word of Life always strive to stay a step ahead of those we are leading. New participants need to view us as a people who can help them with whatever problem may arise. The things we don't know, (which are many) we are obligated by the Vision that God has given to us - to study, learn, and find the answer that needs to be given.

IT'S OUR PARTICULAR EMPHASIS OF WHY WE ARE A CHURCH!!!

To hear 'well done thou good and faithful servant' at the end of our life-time - we need to accomplish what he's asked us to do.

That is the heart and core of our Vision. Showing, leading, instructing, etc. to 'Know How To' live this Christian life in a victorious manner.

How to practically walk that out in goals, planning, assignment, mandate, etc. is a much bigger issue to look at. The for the remainder of this booklet, we'll look at some of these other areas and their relation to our Vision.

A. Goals.

1. *We need to look at the three areas of goals. Short-Term, Intermediate-Term, and Long-Term Goals.* Every area of a vision will fall into all three categories. For more information on all three, please see 'Explaining the Vision - Accomplishing the Vision - section V'. (Above)

Let me give you a good comparison of the three different types of goals. Let's compare them to a road trip.

- *The Long-Term Goal* is to drive from Minneapolis to Miami, Fl. It is a slow, tedious process that many times seems like no progress is being made. The more immature we are, the more impatient we are with the Goal. Hence, the famous phrase: "Are We There Yet". Or other ones are: "Let's Go Home, I'm Tired", "This Isn't Any Fun", "I Want To Quit", Etc. The Long-Term Goal takes matur-

ity to stay on course and keep persevering. The reason: IT TAKES A LONG TIME TO ACCOMPLISH. It can be difficult at times to see if there has been any progress.

However, it's the Long-Term Goals that keep us focused. If we're trying to get to Miami, we can't be taking too many detours and stops to get there in a timely manner. If we play around too much, we won't get there by the time we need to. That's why under 'Explaining the Vision - Purpose' there is a quote concerning purpose that goes like this: If you don't know where you're going (your Purpose), any road will take you there.

- Intermediate-Term Goals. They are what keeps us on task. They are the ones that clearly indicate if we are making progress. On a road trip, they are the smaller goals we set. We need to get to such and such a city by tonight. Once we get to Nashville, TN we're about ½ way there. If we want to be in Miami by Saturday, and want to see Mammoth Cave on the way, we need to get there by Wednesday. Intermediate-Term Goals give us clear time-lines and indicators of our progress.

- Short-Term Goals. They are the necessary daily, moment-by-moment steps that need to be taken to keep moving forward. This is the area of goals that most people miss it. We have these big, lofty visions of grandeur and splendor that God wants to do through us - but we don't know what or how to live TODAY so that those things will come to pass.

To tie it into our illustration of going to Miami, Short-Term Goals are the simple little choices that make the big happen. Short-Term Goals are things like:

- I have to get the tires changed today so we can leave tomorrow.*
- Filling the car with gas.*
- Packing our clothes.*
- Packing the car.*
- Getting someone to watch the house.*
- Stop the mail and newspaper.*
- Get the garbage out and the toilets flushed before we leave.*
- Where's the map? Pack it.*
- Actually getting on the road. (When do we leave?)*
- Filling gas again.*
- Did you bring the check-book, cash, credit card?*
- Filling gas again.*
- Finding a place to eat.*
- Getting back on the road. (Which direction is it?)*

- *Finding a place to spend the night.*
- *Etc. - Etc.*

THIS IS WHERE MOST CHRISTIANS MISS IT. We have lofty dreams, but we don't do anything on a daily basis to get there!!!!

We think we're really moving forward in life and making progress. Look at all the trees we've driven past. Look at how fast the ground is moving beneath us. Open the window and feel the wind - wow, we're really flying toward our goal. It's been 15 minutes - Are we there yet? When will we get there? I'm bored. Let's stop and eat. Oh look, there is a park. Let's get out and enjoy ourselves for a few hours.

Are you getting the picture? If we're going to truly make progress and get to our Long-Term Goal (Miami - 1800+ miles), everything we do on a daily, weekly, monthly basis plays a huge role in our progress. And the only way to get an accurate estimate of our progress is to look at the Intermediate-Term Goals. Measure against them. If we measure against the Short-Term Goals, we'll think we're making great progress when in reality we've barely started. If we measure against the Long-Term Goals, we'll get discouraged and quit because it feels like this will never happen.

All Three Goals have their place. We need to have all three in focus in our lives. Let's look at all three of them - individually.

2. *The Long-Term Goal* is the 'End of the Vision' that is talked about in Habakuk 2:2-3.

We tend to view it as goals that are years in accomplishment, or even a life-time process, but I believe in God's mind it is multi-generational. It would have to be since he plans things from the foundation of the earth. He thinks over 100's and 1000's of generations.

He's already told us this ministry is multi-generational. He told us when we moved to Minnesota. ("This is about the Generations") And he's told us in certain of the prophecies. This church is to focus on the Generations. (See 'Opening the Scroll' below)

Long-Term Goals tend to take a great deal of time and effort before you can distinguish that progress is being made. However, they are to always be focused upon. It's the Long-Term Goals that will hold us steady and on-course.

In a nutshell, what are our Long-Term goals?

- a. We are called to help build the Kingdom of God. That is focused on Eternal Souls. That must always be our #1 Priority.*
- b. We already know it must be about People. That is the message of the gospel. To continually accomplish God's 'Purpose' for his church with the specific Sub-Purpose / 'Emphasis' (A How To Church) he has given to us.*

The only way that should ever be allowed to change is if God changes it. Otherwise it will be to the detriment of Word of Life and God's design for us.

- c. Most of the points made in the 'Opening the Scroll' section below are Long-Term Goals. These are points of emphasis he always wants in this ministry. Many of the Assignments and Mandates are Long-Term.*

So not to be repetitious, I won't repeat everything stated under the areas of:

- Assignments and Mandates*
- Opening the Scroll*

- d. Constructing a physical facility that will be a tool in helping accomplish the Vision.*

- It must be capable of handling our local church events.*
- It needs to be capable of handling regional events and ministry.*
- It needs to be family focused.*
- It needs to show that God wants to prosper his people and supply a place for them, without becoming a show piece. Our facilities are a tool, not a statement of who we are. (That's not part of our vision)*
- It must be next generation/future focused.*

- 3. The Intermediate-Term Goals will cover a number of years. They can range from 5-25 or 30 years. Look at Abraham as an example of this. His long term goal was to get into the position of being the Father of many nations. To accomplish that, he needed offspring. That became an Intermediate Goal. In order to accomplish the Long-Term Goal, he needed a son. We know he believed for the child for a long time. It was one of the major concerns he brought up to God. But if we just look at the time period from when God told him he would get a son, until he got one - we are looking at 25 years.*

In my own life, the Lord has told me to look for things and faith for things that did not happen for 20+ years. Anything 15+ years is probably border lining on a long-term goal for most people. There are no hard and fast numbers or rules. It again goes back to what is coming out of the persons heart.

Intermediate-Term Goals are the ones that tell us most clearly whether we are moving with significance toward our Long-Term Goals. They reveal progress. They can be somewhat transitional for the same reason Short-Term Goals are Transitional. (See 4 - below) However, they need to be much more stable than Short-Term Goals or you will find yourself reinventing the wheel on an on-going basis.

They are never a single goal, but a series of steps and accomplishments that will move you toward achieving the Long-Term Goal.

Here is a synopsis of the Intermediate-Term Goals for Word of Life.

- a. Move the church to a more permanent location. This needs to happen on the short side of the intermediate goal range of time. We can't take 20 years to do this. This goal will also be included in the short-term goals. The reason is that I am believing it will happen sooner rather than later.*
- b. Develop the facility and land into a genuine family and regional center. It needs to house several types of ministries to truly minister to the individual, family, and community.*
- c. Institute a more All-Inclusive approach to reaching this area and the region. Even though some of the things listed are a Long-Term Goal, they need to be part of the Intermediate Plan and Goals. They may not be fully realized, but there can be movement in each area.*
 - Busing.*
 - Conferences.*
 - Day-care, Pre-school, and School.*
 - Internet, Live-Streaming, Etc.*
 - Out-Region Conferences.*
 - Church Planting.*
 - Interim and Shelter Housing.*
 - Half-way Housing.*
 - Sending out and Funding of Ministers. (Pastors, Missionaries, Etc.)*

- d. *Grow in the Anointing and Power of the Holy Spirit as individuals, and a body. There is a specific focus to this: it is part of becoming a resource center to not only the community, but the region. We need to have a move and flow of the Spirit here that becomes known as a place you can go and get answers.*
4. *The Short-Term Goals will be from 1-2 years in length. (They might go up to 3 years) They are by design very transient. We will find ourselves adjusting them often. The reason is we see through a glass darkly and only see in part. (I Corinthians 13:12) We do not see everything or know everything clearly. So we do our best to set the course and take the steps needed to get to our goal. But we make mistakes. We make bad decisions. We over-estimate and under-estimate situations and challenges. We must remain nimble on our feet to make adjustments as they are needed to accomplish the intermediate goals.*

Short-Term Goals are probably the most important of the three in producing results and movement. The progress of Short-Term Goals should be very readily seen and tangible. It's the little things we do on a daily/weekly consistent basis that will produce huge results over time. If we are not moving forward DAILY, We Are Not Moving Forward. Short-Term Goals are the most recognizable 'DOING' and 'ACCOMPLISHING' portion of the three realms of goals. That's why if we don't keep our eye on the other two longer-term goal realms, we can be deceived. Because the short-term goal results are readily and easily seen. But they must convert into long-term progress!!!

Again, many if not most of the things the Lord has told us in the 'Assignment and Mandate' portion, the 'Opening the Scroll' portion, as well as the 'Core-Values' portion of our Vision will apply to this realm of goal-setting also. So please refer to all of them to help clarify our Short-Term Goals.

- a. *Our Short Term Goals can be summed up in a brief statement:*

"Minister to the Immediate needs of the People".

That's one of the reasons the short term goals are so transitional. The needs of the people are ever changing from God's perspective. He will emphasize different aspects of his character, purposes, etc. Depending on what is surfacing in the congregation, the community, region, nation, or even the world scene - God will adjust the focus and emphasis to address these things. But like it says above, the first thing he will always look after are the needs of his bride, his faithful ones.

- b. *What other Short-Term Goals does Word of Life have?*

Because this is so transitional, and I don't want to have to reprint this portion of this book every year - I will leave a blank space here where we can write them in as we go over this section.

VI. Lines of the Scroll - 'Opening of the Scroll'.

Below are listed portions of various 'Prophecies', 'Words', and 'Direction' the Lord has given to Word of Life. Obviously if God is telling us something, it must have to do with the 'Purpose' he's trying to accomplish in our lives. So being able to 'See' what God is saying and having it 'Revealed' to us is paramount. It is part of the 'Vision'.

In the points listed below, you will find all three types of goals represented. (Short, Intermediate, and Long-Term)

We refer to it as 'Lines of the Scroll' or the 'Opening of the Scroll' because of what the Lord said to us in a prophecy. Here is the portion of that prophecy which we are quoting.

"And the place where I am taking you which will unfold before you as a scroll and it will open and you will begin reading from the bottom to the top, you will begin reading line by line and it will grow, and intensify and become closer to the height of completion as you read it up. And what I am showing you is not about you, it's for you. You will be blessed and benefit and reap from it, it's for you, but it is not about you. There is an eternal purpose that my father has planned, and you are part of it. And my father's eternal purpose will prevail. I say it again. I will oversee, that my father's eternal purpose prevails. I have chosen and hand picked you to be part of this last days." (10/16/2005)

In this book, we are trying to at least touch some of the core points that the Lord has given to us over the years. Many of them are in the Prophecies given at Word of Life. (For the full prophecy, please feel free to visit the website) However, there are many things that have been told to us aside from the prophecies. We have tried to record the most important ones here.

Lines of the Scroll: *(Information for the journey)*

(1) Early 1995 - Pastor Vern

In early 1995, God gave a dream to Pastor Vern that showed the overall progression of Word of Life from the beginning of the church and going on from that time forward. The summary of the dream is that God wants W/L to be a very solidly built Church that will last for a long time. (the

structure was made out of brick) The progression of the church was laid out in floors in a building. It was a continual upward progression via stairs from one floor to the next. Each floor depicted a different time frame / realm of progress as the church continued on a journey.

The 1st floor represented the church as a bookstore. The foundation level of the church is to disseminate information, knowledge, and wisdom. (The Scripture / Word)

The 2nd floor had various paintings in it. Most of the paintings that were standing on individual easels are works of art that had not been finished yet. They were still in progress. This floor represents the work that God wants to do in peoples lives as he forms of them according to the information given from the first floor.

The 3rd floor was a print shop. It used an old time printing press. This floor represents what Paul talked about as people being “an epistle of Christ.... written not with ink but by the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of flesh, that is, of the heart.” (2 Corinthians 3:2-3) This floor is showing that as God gives us knowledge (1st floor), and then goes to work on us (2nd floor), we are being changed into someone who can now publish was God is doing in us. Through our lives, people can see and read what God is doing / has done for us.

The 4th floor is where a set of blueprints were being held for the new building. We were not going to be using the 5th and 6th floor is. (The number 4 speaks of: ‘God’s creative Works’. The number 5 is the number of: ‘Grace’. The number 6 is the number of: ‘man’. By showing me what the 7th and 8th floors were supposed to look like while I was on the 4th floor, God was saying: he is going to create something by Grace that will not be built by man.) We were going to build a 7th and 8th floor that would be “Super Imposed” over the existing building.

- The number 7 stands for: “Spiritual Perfection and Completeness”.
- The number 8 represents: “New Beginnings”.

(Later we would see) The 7th and 8th floors depict the move to Minnesota and God continuing to build the church over the structure that already existed. (“Super-Imposed”)

I was walked through a set of double doors that showed me what this 7th and 8th floor were to look like. The color of the carpeting in the sanctuary was a striking dark crimson red. The 2’ x 4’ ceiling tile were white. All the fixtures and equipment were gold. The sanctuary stretched to the east and the north from where I had entered. It was absolutely beautiful. Many, many people were at work in the sanctuary.

- This is picturing the spiritual building of the church, not the physical building.
- The 7th and 8th floors are the MN building.
- These floors will coincide with the birth of Manasseh and Ephraim. (see: 12/6/2015)

(2) From the beginning of giving an over-view of the Lines of the Scroll, there are some things that have been told to us often, and repeatedly. Here are a listing of them:

a. You are a Last Days Church.

- That does not mean we are a church that is existing in the last days. It is referring to a specific way of looking at and interacting with the current culture we are living in. We view everything through the filter of: 'we are living in the last days'.

It also speaks of engaging the Holy Spirit in ways that are different from many of the churches around us. This causes many people to misunderstand us and what we have been called to do. (see: July 14, 2018 - Calvin Woods)

An example of that is the fact that as evil abounds, grace much more abounds (Romans 5:9), and the way that happens is: "When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him." (Isaiah 59:19 - NKJV)

For that standard to be lifted up, an emphasis must be put on the moving and working of the Holy Spirit. We do that at W/L.

b. You are a Remnant Church.

- God has always reserved a Remnant people in every culture that chooses to stand against the direction the culture is going. They are different from the ungodly, and they are different from the rest of the "saved" world. Their service to God and their worship of God is more radical than the believer of their time.

- "you will need to learn to walk this alone" (part of being a Remnant person)

- The Spirit told Pastor Vern (and Mary is the same)

> "your life is designed for controversy. It will always follow you"

As long as they are the pastor's of the church, there will be controversial things that stand out. It's one of the ways that God uses to get the attention of people and make them think about / reconsider what they're doing. It flows in the same vein as Jesus being a stumblingblock / offense. (Romans 9:33; 1 Peter 2:8)

c. You are a Bride Church.

- Jesus is returning for a bride church.

- As a bride church, we are not striving for mediocrity, a comfortable life, or being lukewarm as believers. Our approach to life and ministry will cause people to become Hot after God, or they will back away from us. It's what God has called us to be.

- It is not a comfortable place to live as a church. We find ourselves continually being challenged to strive for "More of God and Higher realms of the Spirit". Simply getting by and existing as a Christian is not part of our vocabulary, and that approach to Christianity is continually challenged as the Spirit works among us. It is often referred to as being 'Too Radical'.

These 3 are important because they color everything W/L does. They are choices and priorities we feel the Holy Spirit has asked us to make, and with them comes specific mindsets, goals, priorities, and anointings.

(3) January 4, 2002 - Pastor Vern

- I was praying for the church when he said:

"Either you need to go over to their approach, or you need to come over by me. You can no longer stand in the middle."

- I knew what he meant. Either I need to go over to the community Church approach of church, or make the choice to completely move into the supernatural and fullness of the Spirit. It's time to move away from the middle. Trying to be both."

- Over the next two days, he kept telling me: "Let's go there".

(4) January 2004 (Angel spoke to Mary)

- "This is the year of the Joseph's Anointing"

- *It was the Anointing that moved us to MN. It is the Anointing and Pattern that will continue to operate in the church in MN.*
- *References to this story of Joseph, and a pattern of the ministry in Minnesota will continue to show up in various ways over and over.*
- *For example: Joseph had two sons: Manasseh and Ephraim. The birth of Manasseh coincides with the construction of the 7th floor. The birth of Ephraim coincides with the 8th floor. (See: December 6, 2015)*

(5) January, 2004 - Pastor Vern

- *While bringing the 1st load of our things to put into storage in order to move from CO to MN, the Lord said: "This is for the Generations". (That's why we're moving)*
- *He also said: "The Church in Minnesota is to be built on the Word and the Super-Natural. Hang everything on those two".*

(6) September 25, 2005 - Word of the Lord through Joe Samsa. (1st Sunday in the Modular)

- *You have been deemed a last days church.*
- *You have been given a new name. [see: next prophecy - (6)]*
- *The other levels are about to be super-imposed.*

(7) Prophecy - 10/16/05 - Pastor Vern

The place where God is taking us will unfold like a scroll. From the bottom to the top. This is referred to as 'Progressive Revelation'.

Key points of that prophecy:

- *You will be called by a new name - Salvation.*
- *Word of Life is for the generations. (Previous and Succeeding)*
- *We are being taken to an area where we will push into the realms of the Spirit.*

- *Handle the supernatural with care and respect.*
- *The gates and doors to the realms of the Spirit that have been closed for centuries are being opened.*
- *Stepping into these realms will be a distinguishing factor that separates the bride from the earthly realms.*
- *Press into me and come close to me and I will make supernatural connections and opportunities. It will not be you, but I will do it through you.*
- *Guard pride, or you will start all over.*

(8) April 26, 2006. The Lord gave this scripture to me. - Pastor Vern

“As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him— you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.”

I Peter 2:4-5 (NIV)

Then he told me: “He (God) is in the process of re-shuffling his bride. He is gathering her together via pulling her out and away from being scattered. He will bring together and organize and unite her for the revival that is coming. This is why so many are exiting the established church. They are sensing the stirring (that is) moving in their spirits for more and are seeking/being led out. The home church is just the next step for them. It’s part of the transition of where he wants to take them.”

(9) May 14, 2006 (Prophecy) - Pastor Vern

Many are not ready for the great and awesome things that are before us. We have disqualified ourselves on the basis of religion, and what other people have spoken into our lives about us. He is looking for a bride who doesn’t just act like she’s in love with him. He’s looking for a bride who IS in love with him. The Lord said, Learn to come and ‘Reason with Me’ about the things that cause you turmoil, make you feel disqualified, or hold you back.

(10) May 21, 2006 (Prophecy) - Pastor Vern

Learn to stand under Jesus, and then you will understand.

(11) August 2, 2006 - Pastor Vern

“Turn this coming judgment into Victory.”

Also, pray that believers don't fear or panic.

(12) September 6, 2006 (Prophecy) - Pastor Vern

Praise and Worship opens the doors and gates. It causes the way we are to go - to present itself. Our imagination and fascination is to be on Jesus, not the world. When my people don't praise and worship, they stumble, they fall, they become exhausted, they sit down and there is no forward, no advancement, no movement. Praise and worship opens gates, it lays out paths, it makes roads smooth, it will call into being when there is no place to go. It will lay the road before you.

(13) December 24, 2006. - Pastor Vern

*The Holy Spirit said: “This year the Glory will come. I'm so excited, what you have waited for will come”. (***)*

(14) (10/14/06) - Pastor Vern

How can people who know so much be going so far off?

What is happening is the Hand of the Lord is moving in this nation for a last days revival. With it comes Blessing and Judgment. The people who are holding on to things in their

lives that are sin/disobedience are being judged. The result of that is a hardening of their heart. (Taking them into religion and tradition)

The Key: take care of the little things or they will mess up the big picture. "Faithful in little things will be put over many cities." Jesus said it's the seeds in our lives that grow into big things. "Little foxes spoil the vines".

Tell the people the basics of scripture and why. 'Do not train them to respond to the spectacular explanations. They need to do it because it's right. The spectacular is shown to those who obey because it's right.

(15) Emphasis for 2007 and the future of Word of Life: (Pastor Vern)

- Call the Blessing.*
- Pray the Fear of the Lord would rest and manifest.*
- Pray for the Hovering and Brooding of the Spirit.*
- Pray the Hand of the Lord would move.*

(16) January 10, 2007 (Prophecy - Jim Isakson)

I call forth servant workers from near and far. I call forth the hungry hearts. Come here for the restoration that I have planned. The restoration that that I have planned needs your help. For I am reclaiming my people for a new task and a new vision.

*(17) January 27, 2007 - (Pastor Vern) (***)*

- The Holy Spirit asked: "Would you raise Arianna if you knew it would keep her out of hell"?*
- The Holy Spirit said: "This is your seed for revival. Are you willing to die to yourself (Luke 14:25-35) for one soul? This is the turning point of your ministry. What you choose here will determine if you'll be in that revival."*

(18) *January 28, 2007 (7:15 AM) (***)*

- Jesus said: "You must take care of this one if you are going to be given more. There are great things in front of you. Great things demand great sacrifice".

(19) *January 28, 2007 (During the morning service) (***)*

Bob Jones on his video said: What's "getting ready to take place is being sowed now by the remnant seed. Those who've been faithful to Christ and looked towards him, and still believe. There's been a death take place in their life and an impartation of righteousness, where they become like that seed that's been planted on the other side of the cross.

There's 2 sides to the cross. One is to die, but the other side is the spirit of holiness, to where we become like a seed and what we raise up will become like that - a holy seed. It'll have resurrection power in it and will be able to minister out of that, to how many comes to us. There'll be a multiplication of the seed."

"Now he's speaking to the over 50's. (I was 50 years, 1 month, and 22 days) They must come in now and oversee it, protect it, get behind it, never in front of it. Finance it, motivate it, direct it. Get a vision that your life don't end at 50. It begins. Holy Spirit is waiting for the Joshua's to get into place. Old men leading a younger generation."

7:02 PM - "As you've done it unto one of the least of these, you've done it unto me."

(20) *May, 2007 - Pastor Vern*

"You need to believe for Eric to come on staff. You're trying to reach that generation and you don't even have anyone on staff of that generation."

(21) June 3, 2007 (Prophecy) - Pastor Vern
(Parallel prophecy: see: September 9, 2012)

“It’s time to refocus. It’s time to refocus. The baby boomer generation was groomed to be selfish to try to prevent and stop the revival and the move of my Spirit that is coming. This day it’s time to refocus. Goals, and plans, and dreams, the path for the remainder of your time on earth, your future, I call you to refocus and start learning, start asking my Spirit, start asking of me to re-train you and re-teach you to make decisions on the basis of it’s not me, it’s the generation behind me. Refocus my people, refocus. For the harvest will be so great and it will be so overwhelming in the areas of need, that I will need those who are fathers and mothers in the faith, who are established in their spiritual life. They have matured and grown and become people who know how to face down the needs of this Earth, the lack and the curse of the demonic kingdom of this Earth.

They will know how to meet it eye to eye and not flinch, because they’ve learned to live in it (faith & spiritual life), they’ve learned to flow in it, it’s operated in their life. They will need to be in position for this harvest to be brought in and not lost because with this harvest there will be demonic like this Earth has never seen. There will be broken, and torn, and twisted and maimed minds and emotions as this Earth has never seen. People who will need literally their physical brain re-made to be able to get up and be a disciple of mine. But, oh, I have good news. When I hung on the cross, I saw this day. I saw the days, and the months and the years coming. And when I told my father, “it is finished”, in my heart, I knew everything that was needed to save this Earth had been secured and the path, the opening, the spiritual gate and flow to my people to give them anything and everything they needed to overcome and to see those that are brought into the kingdom healed, and delivered, and set free, and restored, and recreated and re-made to see whatever is necessary to form and make a disciple.

I speak to you now in this time for the harvest and the revival that is coming. You are entering into a day which will demand more than you are capable of giving. That is why I gave you my Spirit. You are entering into a time that will demand more than you are able to minister. That is why I gave you of my anointing. You are entering into a day that will be very very very supernatural. I repeat that. I don’t want you to miss it. You are entering into an age, into a time, into a phase of this Earth’s history that will be very very very supernatural. If there is one thing that I could request that you go after with all your heart, soul, mind and strength, to mature and develop in you so that it can be planted in this coming generation, is the wisdom of my Father in all areas. In the realms of the spirit, in the realms of the physical and all, all sub categories that you would categorize in your mind underneath those realms.

Though you have to abandon and let go of everything else, seek wisdom, seek understanding. Find what I do, and learn how to do it like me. That is wisdom. Find what I do. And learn how to do it like me, as I said in my word be an imitator of me. That is wisdom. The example I set you need to follow. I did nothing except what the father showed me and as he worked, I worked. Find what I do and the way I do it and imitate me. Hone that, discipline yourself in that and

hand that on to this next generation. You have seen nothing yet. I will manifest myself on this Earth, and I will display the splendor and the glory of my realm and every every every living human being will know who is God. And I grieve to think not everyone will choose me, but they will know who is God. I have invited you, I have invited you to be part of that splendor and of that glory. It is time to refocus. It's not going to be what I can do in your life that is going to become the dominating focus of your future, it's going to be what I can do in those following you."

(22) September 9, 2007 (Prophecy) - Pastor Vern

"I have chosen you. I have chosen to work through you. I have chosen those who are longing for me, who are willing to lay down their life, who are willing to lay down their desires, who are willing to lay down their flesh, that calls out so loudly, to follow after me. And I am longing my people, I am longing my people to pour out the revival upon you. So I stand before you and I say choose, I stand before you and I say choose. So I say it again. It is time to refocus. My people I say choose it is time to refocus and to grow and to mature and to become more like me. This life is bigger than your desires, than your opinions, than your plans, than what you want. This life is bigger than what you like to hear or what you don't like to hear, what you like to do, what you'd rather not do, this life is bigger than you.

But now I call - grow and mature and release the childish thinking. Step up to a more mature love where it causes change in you, it causes change in your life, it causes you to refocus, it causes you to pay attention to those around you, and it causes you to be willing to make sacrifices of yourself and your time and your thinking and your plans to be of assistance to them rather than thinking all of life is here to assist you. This church is not here to assist the mature. This church is here for a place for the mature to minister through and assist those who are sick and weak and dying and immature and lost. I call you to refocus again. I call you to refocus again. It's not about what this church or this community or this God can do for me, it needs to become what can I do for this church, this community and my God. You call out for revival and I hear you. And I believe your call is sincere and it's real and it's true. However, it is not dropping into your heart and changing your choices and your decisions and your behaviors. Behold I stand before you and I say choose. I hear your lip service, but I am looking for it to come from the heart.

There is only one thing standing between you and the move of the Spirit that you're asking for. That one thing is the sincerity of your heart. The time for the moving of my spirit has come. The momentum, the power builds and begins to flow as the storm in the summer begins to brew on the horizon. The time for rain has come. And there are so many of my people who with their lips say they want to be part of that, but their heart is not close to me. They persist in their old habits, they persist in their old mind sets, they persist in their old motivations, they persist in life without change. With all the love and with all the concern and with all the compassion of my heart I say to you: you're not ready for revival. So I stand before you and I say behold, choose, choose who

will be God. Are you going to be God of your life? Or am I? Will you be the one who runs your life? Or are you diligently seeking my face? My people keep calling out for revival. You're living in a dry and arid, a desert and thirsty land. Keep calling but then choose to conform your heart to what you are saying. My people make the choice and follow through. Truly become my disciple."

(23) November 14, 2007 (Prophecy) - Pastor Vern

"I am calling for a dividing, on this earth. I am calling for a dividing of the true worshipers to be divided out. This will be done, through worship. This dividing will take place, through worship. The move of my spirit on this earth, is joined to and married with, true praise and worship."

*(24) November 23, 2007 - (Pastor Vern) ((***)*

Jesus said: "The revival has begun. You will see what I will do for your sacrifice." He quoted John 15:13 and keyed on the word "Life" (Psuche). He said: "You did it for people you don't even know - who are not even your friends. One life for many. Look at what I did (how many were affected) by one life."

(25) June 3, 2008 - (Pastor Vern)

"You are going to be a Regional Church. You will pull people from the Region."

(26) *June 15, 2008 - Father's day weekend. Our first true Revival Outbreak at the church in Minnesota.*

(27) *June 24, 2008 - Speaking of Jim Kaseaman. (Pastor Vern)*

- *"In him is no guile. Follow him. He will lead yo to me". ("She is as he")*

- *"I have the church building taken care of. It's on its way. You are planted much seed for it. The seed has been growing for a long time. Watch me work. You will be amazed."*

(28) *June 30, 2007 (Dream - Felecia Frey)*

Jehovah is coming.

A visitation of the Father is coming to this earth. He wants to meet the pope. The pope represented the next generation.

(29) *July 13, 2008 - (Pastor Vern)*

"Don't despise the wind. This weekend I have given you a living picture of what I'm doing and going to do. People are caught in hot, desperate, to the point it's difficult to breathe type of situations. I will hit them like a violent storm/wind. (Isaiah 54:2-3 > 1986-87) (Prophecy of 9/9/07 > Page 4 - Bottom) I will break into their enclosures. They will try to hold me out but I will break in. I will shake them and the rain will fall. I'll drench them. They be soaked. And I will blow on them, and I'll blow and I'll continue to blow. Just like the wind this weekend. I'm showing yo what I'm doing and about to do. Don't despise the wind."

It was the third day of the wind. '3' > "Solid, real, substantial, complete, entire, to conform"

(30) *August 2-10, 2008. Break-Through meetings at Word of Life.*

(31) Prophecy - (Pastor Vern Peltz)

Date: August 5, 2008 (During Breakthrough Meetings)

"I, The Spirit of the Living God have asked for a 'voice' this night. I am sent and I carry the position, I carry the office of speaking for The Savior and doing His bidding. This night I have asked Jesus the Christ if I could speak freely and share of My heart with you. Which He and I are One, it is a reflection of His heart also, but He's granted me the freedom to articulate what We crave for you and for this world.

Let Me share My heart with you, and let Me start by saying: I am so excited! I am so filled with anticipation! I am so overjoyed! Ecstatic! For you are learning to follow Me. So many, so many, so many never learn! They never learn to follow me. But you're pushing into Me. You're learning to get in step with Me. You're becoming sensitive to Me and I am so excited! Father, they are following! Father, thank you for this day! They are following me!

Now I say to you our people, and what I'm about to say do not take lightly, do not take it lightly.

There is a war that is set in place and is raging and is intensifying...and it's after the children. The enemy is out to destroy the next generations. You were warned. You were warned in my book that in the end times things would grow serious and wicked and dire. You were warned the denial of the Power would begin to take precedence in the church. And by the "church", I speak of all those people who name themselves by The Christ. They call themselves "Christians". They name themselves according to the Anointing and The Power and they call themselves "Christians": Of The Anointing, Of The Power. But the deception would grow so thick that they would literally deny the Power they name themselves after. When the Power is denied, I am severely limited and hampered. We are entering into a time where satan, the fallen one, will do everything and step up the pace and wickedness will increase, because the hearts of men will follow after him in their sin. And he will quicken his work to destroy the succession of the generations who serve the Living God. Why? He see's his days are numbered and if he's going to accomplish something, he's going to have to do it quickly. So the war is hot and furious around you. And my servant spoke correctly earlier when he said that there are angels who have been placed to guard. They are worship angels who have been placed to guard this Anointing., because there are so many who have come and who have left this area...and it is disaster in the Spirit realm. It is disaster! People are being destroyed, souls are being lost because the Anointing and the Power was not guarded.

Thank you for asking me and giving me the right to guard what we are trying to accomplish in this area. And it is not all about you. You are a tool, you are a vessel in my Father's hand that is dead and lifeless and accomplishes very little until that tool and vessel itself surrenders to the Power of the Living God. That is My authority and position. I have been granted the right and ability to fulfill and wield the Scripture and the Promise and cause it to come to life. Thank you! Oh we have far to go yet... but thank you. Guard and treat as a Holy and Precious thing...My freedom among you.

We are in and we have quickly gone into a dispensation of time on this earth where your good intentions, where human effort, where man made programs and good ideas, where the purposes and plans of the hearts of men, no matter how noble they may seem to be; we have entered into a dispensation and an age where these will not produce Godliness on this earth. This earth is needing a display of the raw Power of my Father and I wield that Power through you! Do not be satisfied, do not become content for the way that use to work...because it won't work anymore. We are living in a time where wickedness is increasing, but I have good news for you! Where wickedness abounds, My grace, My favor also abounds and the standard is raised! But with the raising of the standard...new! New! New comes! I need a people who are willing to wield the raw, invincible, unconquerable, unfading power of the Almighty God. It will bring this generation in, it will give hope where there was no hope! It will bring life where death seems to rule and reign! It will resurrect from the dead.

Seek the Christ and His Anointing. Seek the gifts that are available. Seek the Lord's will and submit to it with everything within you. You have stepped across the thresh-hold. Now keep walking. Learn to get in step with Me to where it becomes an unconscious event...you are not concentrating on it...it just happens because you have practiced it. And as My Power and My Anointing is allowed to flow, I will renovate your life! I will renovate your family! I will renovate this church! I will renovate this community! I will renovate this region! And I will renovate on into this nation and around this world through you! Do not belittle what you have been created to be. Do not think less of who and what my Father has designed you to be. You carry the important position in these days. And literally life and death for this community and much of this region is in the hands of a few and you are part of that few. I speak to the generations: I want to live and move and speak and literally breath through you! That's why I'm in you. That's why I'm on you. Now what I did in what you call 'last evening', what I did here, my desire, my heart remains in position, in place. You witnessed a facet of the raw power of the Living God. There is so much counterfeit. There is so much deception. There is so much perversion of the genuine and the real. My Father created the genuine and the real in and this world has been intoxicated with the counterfeit and the deceptive, and the perverted. I am the God of Joy and Laughter! Heaven is a loud place, read in My Word! Oh yes, we have times of quiet and silence, but you will find heaven is a joyful place! We are a joyful God! If it were not for the entrance of sin, and the travail, and the necessity, the urgency to save eternal souls...if it were not for that, there would not be a moment of grief or sadness or depression or discouragement or loss of hope. Any of those things...there will be none! We are a God of triumphant, exuberant, awesome and glorious joy! We know how to throw a party! We know how to throw a party! The evil one has come and deceived so many into believing 'partying' is of him. He doesn't have a clue how to throw a party because everything he does damages and destroys lives. Even in the middle of what he calls 'merry-making'. When We throw a party it produces nothing but LIFE and JOY and PEACE and more of Us in them and in you!

If you're looking for an exciting, a mind blowing, a high that is ultimate...you press into Me - The Spirit of the Living God. You press into me! It was read even this night: It is the will of my Father for you to be stimulated and intoxicated...overwhelmed by me! Love, joy, peace, gentle-

ness, patience, self-control, and faithfulness. Break free of traditions of man! You heard my heart spoken from the Word of Almighty God! The reason I anoint is so that the gospel can be preached to the poor. So the brokenhearted can be healed. So prisoners can be set free. So sight can be recovered. So the oppressed can be released. And I declare this is the day I want to do these things! Now is the time! Press into me! I don't think like you think! I don't operate like you think! I am above you as the heavens are above the earth and I will choose ways to set you free that may seem odd to you, that you may look at and they may seem strange to you human thinking. Remember, your human mind has been polluted. Everything in this world has been touched with sin and the power of darkness. How do you expect to think like me? Don't question! Don't criticize! See if it's in the Word and step into Me! Press into Me! I accomplished more in a few of your minutes last night than men can accomplish in a lifetime and change. The raw Power of the Almighty God is here for you and I am excited! Oh Father I am excited! I have found a people! There is life! There is hope! This area will change! This area will change! This area will change! This area will change! Glory be to the God most high! Oh hallelujah! Glory be to the Lord most High! Glory be to the Lord most High! Glory be to the Lord most High!"

(32) August 12, 2008 - (Pastor Vern)

I had been asking why the movement of the Spirit was happening in Bursts, and then it would settle back down again. He said: "This is Reproducible" (8/12/08)

(33) August 21, 2008

We purchased 35 acres of land.

(34) December 14, 2008 - (From a Covenant Partner)

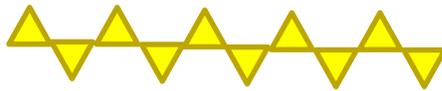
This is a description of some of the angelic activity that takes place with Word of Life. This vision had to do with the time we were meeting in the modular on the pastor's property. It is quite long, but we felt it was needed to be placed in this book without any editing. (There is a similar vision given concerning the church on Hwy 95. It is under point #)

December 14, 2008 (The person desired to remain anonymous)

I first would like to explain that I am not a pastor, preacher, or teacher. I am not extra special or better than anyone else. I am just a human that was given a vision of a small fraction of God's great glory. I pray that I can describe what I saw in this vision with exact accuracy to the best of my ability.

12:46am - I was standing at the end of the driveway at 3640 County Rd. 6 NW.. The sign to my left side Word of Life. I know where I am. I am at the home of pastors Vern and Mary Peltz.

At that time I noticed an enormous angel to my right. It's beauty was breathtaking. He had long hair passed his massive shoulders. His hair was held in place with a large gold band that's circled his head. The headband had a purple stone in the front and was in graved with this pattern:



His face was very muscular and commanded respect and authority. He stood taller than a full grown Oak tree. He had a large gold staff in his right hand. His eyes are bright blue and it seemed like they could see right through me. His robes were white with gold trim. His wingspan was at least 40 feet. It was hard for me to breath. I couldn't speak. My legs got weak. I fell down!

The angel picked me up but I couldn't stand. I fell down again! He helped me to my feet once more. With a smile on his face he directed me up the drive to the center of the property. As I stood at the center of the property, I could see the four corners. And at each corner stood an Angel. Each of them are the same size as the first angel I saw. (Angel #1)

Angel #2 stands at the far corner by the garden. He looks almost the same as angel #1. Massive, Long hair, with a gold band that circled his head. It had a purple stone in the front and was engraved with the same pattern. He was armed with a spear and a large shield. He also has a look that commands respect and authority.

Angel #3 stands at the corner by the end of the dog run. He looks almost the same as angel #1 and #2. Very massive! Long hair with a gold band that's circles his head. It has a purple stone in the front and has the same engraving. He has a large breast plate shaped like a heart and is decorated with large jams of different colors. He is armed with two large swords.

Angel #4 stands at the corner left of the first angel. He also looks almost the same as the other angels. Massive! Also with long hair with a gold band that circles his head and a purple stone with the same engraving. He is an Archer - armed with a bow and arrow's.

Once again I am amazed by the breathtaking beauty and splendor. I could hardly breathe. My legs felt like soft noodles. I fell down. Face first. I couldn't move. All I could do was just lay there! I was awake in bed at this time. It was to 12:12 AM.

At 2:31 AM I was standing again. Still at the center of the property. I was watching the four angels as they guarded the property. Constantly watching and grooming. Keeping out the demons or evil spirits.

At this time, all the colors changed from what seem to be normal colors of purple and gold. It would look like a large black light was turned on and all the colors were neon or different shades of gold and purple. They would pulse and change shape. This is when I saw the openings in the sky. Then I saw the rest of the angels - even more beautiful than the first four. I'm overwhelmed by the site. My legs got soft and I fell to the ground. And I started thanking God for all that he had shown me. What he has given me. Praising his name and shouting: Glory! Glory! Glory!

Then I heard a voice say: Stand up. It was Angel #1. He help me up again and with a smile he said we are just getting started and then he returned to his post. Angel #1 pointed to the sky. The sky is a silky purple with gold or rips or cracks in it. Above the house I saw four openings.

The first opening is on the side of the house above Pastor Vern's office. It is very bright and extends from the ground to heaven. The light is gold and pulses. There is an angel that watches over this opening traveling from the earth to heaven.

The next opening is on the other side of the house. It is larger and brighter than the first. It also extends from the ground to heaven. The light is gold and pulses. There is an angel that guards and watches over this opening. This angel also traveled from the earth to heaven. One of the things that is different about this is that there is a smaller but brighter light that's circles the larger one.

The third opening is by the Northeast corner of the pole building (it's by the white car). This one is not as bright but it is still an opening and his guarded by an angel.

The next opening is a very large one above the church. It is guarded by for angels. The angels are in charge of opening and closing it. This opening does not stay completely open like the others. It opens and closes with worship.

I am now standing in front of the church building. I see the people going inside. I can hear the worship start praising God and glorifying his name. I hear the drums start. Then I saw the angels start to get excited and started moving with the beat spreading their wings. I felt the ground begin to shake. The opening started to get brighter and wider. I could hear the drums get louder. The people were shouting praises, blowing horns, and

dancing. The opening is very large and gold liquid drips like honey down from the opening through the roof of the church. The louder the drums get, the wider the opening gets. As the opening gets larger, more angels are sent to guard it. The heavens are opening. There are holes all over that are dripping with gold!!! (Compare to John Paul Jackson

video "The Perfect Storm" which was shown at W/L on December 27, 2009)

I am over come with the Spirit of God. My legs get soft again and I fell down!

This is where the vision ended.

After the vision I realized that Ignorance and Unbelief are the catalyst for failure.

(35) January 3-25, 2009 - The first 'Open Heaven' meetings at W/L. We established an 'Open Heaven' over the church.

(36) March 28, 2009 (A Word given to Pastor Vern)

The Lord asked our permission to deal with the flooding in the Red River Valley in a specific manner. He is showing us our position of ruling and reigning the region. We are to start thinking like we are over this region.

(See the page on the website for the full explanation - "Regional Ministry")

(37) April, 2009 - The Lord tells us to go and set the boundaries for the region.

(38) May 16, 2009 (Prophecy) - Pastor Vern

(This is a key prophecy that needs to stay in our minds)

My people I am so pleased. I am so excited to not only be with you but to speak to you this way! My Father and I have looked forward with anticipation for you to arrive at this point. It was not long ago I asked you to run with me. I asked you to run with me and the directness - the fortitude - the intensity with which many of you have put yourself into....that desire moves us, it moves us. We've asked that our people love us with all their heart, soul, mind and strength, and

so few do, so few do. But we love you with everything within us and when you respond it so moves us. We are so thrilled. We are so thrilled. Press into Me without hesitation. Once you know it's of Me, you know it's of my Spirit, do not hesitate! Run into it with force and strength and vigor and power. Follow Me and press into Me with abandon, abandoning your thoughts, your earthly ways, your earthly thinking, your earthly habits, abandoning the ways of the flesh, abandoning any earthly traditions. Abandon it and press into me! Press into Me with everything that is within you. For that is how you cross over from merely doing ritual and tradition in the physical and moving over into flowing in the Spirit, entering into my realm, entering into the realm of your authority and your kingdom, entering into the realm of the Anointing that is for you and the power that is to come on you and the Glory that is to shine over you. It only comes by seeking me and pursuing me with everything in you. Anything less will cut you short, you will not enter in. What took place a number of days ago with the imparting of vision is not an end, it's the beginning it's the means to something I have called you to. Do not look at it lightly; do not take it lightly for we have watched you and we have counted enough of you faithful enough and growing in faithfulness enough to take you into an area that few of my people ever enter. This is Holy ground. This is nothing to be taken lightly. This is to be highly esteemed. This is the beginning of what is for you but it's not about you. This is the beginning of a flow of a moving of my Spirit that I intend to pass on to those after you.

Remember. Remember I've told you over and over what I'm about to do in this earth is about the generations. And I have called those of you who are more advanced in age to place your focus and your intensity on those who follow you. And I reiterate and reinstate that call again this evening. The focus has to shift. The desires must change. Too many of my people miss what I'm trying to do in this earth because they're looking for something that will please them rather than seeing the flow and the intent and the purpose over the span of time that pleases Me. They back away from moves of my Spirit, they back away from facets of how my Spirit would work in them. They back away from the supernatural, because it doesn't please or fit or feel right to them. Let me restate, this isn't about you. My Father has a plan to save and rescue whosoever will come to Him. You've already come. It's no longer about you.

You're my servants, you're my vessels, you're my friends, you're the light, you're the salt, you are the epistles that are to be read by those who still need to come to me. Do not be so self serving that you back away from what I am trying to do because it doesn't fit your thinking and it doesn't

please you. I am pleading with you; there are eternal souls that hang in the balance that will be determined by the attitude of your heart. I have done all I can. I am speaking to you. I am pulling on you. I am leading you and I am asking you to respond and follow me with abandonment. My servant David followed me with abandonment. And what I asked him to do he did it with everything within him. One of the negative results of that is it brought criticism and persecution. If you follow my scripture through you will find anytime my people follow me with abandonment there will be those who will criticize, mock and not like what is going on. It is not of my Father's Kingdom they speak, but it is of the Devil, the father of lies, that they speak. Pay them no mind. Do not make your decisions on the basis of them and on the input they give you. Once you have found the heart of My Spirit, once you see in the Word the clarity and the accuracy of

where My Spirit is leading you, follow me with abandonment. Though none be for me, yet I will follow. Who do you think gave those words to be penned and into a song? It was my encouragement to you the human race to decide to follow me. Putting the work of the cross and all the cross stands [for] before you and what you seek after and the prize and the goal you strain for, and putting the things of this age and this system and this world behind you. And if none go with you set your face as flint and follow me. Follow me.

I am taking you back to something I referred to some time ago and said I would come and speak to you about again. And it deals with operating in the realms of the Spirit. I told you that more work would be done in the Spirit realm than would be done in the physical realm because the physical realm merely responds to what is taking place in the Spirit realm. That is why my enemy endeavors to completely shut and close the Spirit realm of this world to my influence. Because if he can close the heavens so that my people cannot access me... what goes on in the Spirit realm will eventually appear in the physical. Search my Word it's all there. I have told you, I told you before, the greatest work that will be accomplished will begin in the Spirit realm then it will play out in the physical. The closer it comes in time to the revelation of me to this earth, and the things written in my book of how that period will play out, the closer it comes to that period of time the more intense it will grow in the realms of the Spirit. And once that time comes, read the book, everything takes place in the heavens before it happens in the earth. The earth is merely a mirror and a reflection of what has taken place in the Spirit realm and I am calling you to begin working in that realm. I told you I would teach you of it, I told you a time is coming when I would speak to you on how to handle it, what to say, what to do and when. So tonight I take you a little bit deeper and I unroll the scroll another line or two more for you to read and see and understand.

As I told you before it will open before you as a scroll, line by line you will see it. The transferring of Anointing and the gift of vision that was given to some and imparted on some a few days ago is a primary tool that I will use you to work in the realms of the Spirit. You must have this Gift, you must operate in this Anointing... for I have asked you to work and rule and reign in an area bigger than you can physically see or occupy. Remember, I told you quite some time ago, I give you the North. And as year by year has gone by the revelation of this has opened and you're seeing a little bit more and a little bit more and a little bit more. Remember, my vision is bigger

than yours. *I am seeing the end from the beginning you're only seeing slivers as I reveal them to you. I have now made it known to you that I have chosen you, and you are not the only ones, so guard haughtiness, guard arrogance, guard pride. You're my servants, but I have said that I have chosen you to work in an area, in a region as you call it. You cannot do this in the physical. It is not possible. You are limited to one space, one area and one realm around you if you remain in the physical only. But see, My Spirit, My Spirit has no limits, My Spirit has no bounds. My Spirit knows all, is above all, works through all and sees all. And when you enter into My Spirit, you will find there are no limits in the realm of the Spirit; that's where things begin to become possible in all situations. To truly occupy and fill and call what I've asked you to do you will need to learn to step into the realms of the Spirit.* A very few of you understand what I'm talking about. A very few of you have already done it. But I am calling before my Father that this number grows. So I'm calling for more.

So let me stop that thought right here and share a concern with you that's in my heart. And I put it in question form for your sake not mine. Why is it when things of the Spirit begin manifesting and taking place, that in your human understanding you may not fully understand, you may not have revelation on yet, you may not comprehend fully yet, you don't see it as I see it, you haven't operated in it yet, it's strange to you, it's foreign to you - why is it when these things appear, rather than running to my Word and pursuing truth and finding the revelation of what is happening so you can grow in it, rather than doing that, many of my people, and (I'm not just speaking of this segment within my hearing this night I'm speaking of my body around this nation and somewhat around this world), many of my People, when they don't understand something... rather than jumping in and pursuing me and checking it out in what the Word I've already given you, will withdraw, make excuses and literally grow colder in their spirit towards me. Why would you allow your heart to harden when I'm offering you something that can renovate not only your life but your whole realm? So I offer a Word, a Word of warning. And I am not pronouncing this; I am just speaking from my heart. There will always be some who will do this. But I am personally hand picking and selecting from this area the people who will come and be part of what I'm doing in this Anointing and in this flow, in this portion of My Church, who will step up, step in and follow Me with abandonment. Pursue Me with everything that is within them not looking, not looking for the things that man highly esteems, but be diligent to study and seek My Word to lay hold to the things I highly esteem.

I am building something and what I am calling and what my intention is in this group of people in this body, I am building something that will span decades and generations should my coming tarry. And my Father knows when I will come, but I am building something that will remain. Even in your understanding of building, if you quickly throw something up of soft, pliable easily handled manageable materials, it will not last. But if you take time and dig the foundation right and lay the foundation well and when you start building the building on top of that foundation you use materials that have strength, that have rigidity, that have longevity, much harder to craft, much harder to form, much more difficult to cause to take the shape you're after, if you will take the time to build that type of building it will stand there for decades and with a little care it can stand there much longer. Don't be overly concerned at this point that huge numbers of people

are not being saved yet in this organization. You're not ready for that yet. You don't call people to come and inhabit the house and learn the ways of the master before the house is built. Even in the physical they don't give you a certificate of occupancy until it's occupiable. I am still laying stones and building walls. For what is laid at the beginning will determine the end. It is much easier to do it right the first time then go back in tear it down and build it over and tear it down and build it over and tear it down and build it over. I am choosing to do this so that it does need to be torn down and built over. So be patient. Follow My Spirit. Follow Me in this. The harvest is great and the laborers are few. But let me add one thing behind that, a baby is not placed in an empty half built building and expected to live and mature and grow. When I give babies to this building it will be ready to mature them and grow them and as it takes place adjustments will be needed over the course of time but I am determined, the time is too short to keep rebuilding, I am determined to lay the foundation of My people, the stones of My Church for this area in a way that they will reproduce themselves... so that year after year, decade after decade, generation after generation it never needs rebuilding. So just follow Me. Your days of harvest are coming and oh they will be glorious! But I will not gather a group and put them into something that is not ready for them.

So as I was saying, I am hand picking and hand choosing and hand appointing those who are going to be put into this building and it's not just for them. It's for those who follow them. This will call for maturity and growth. This flies in the face of the spirit of this age. But this is necessary to rescue the generations to come. For the quality and the characteristic and attribute of faithfulness is quickly fading in this land. Each year that goes by, more and more do not understand what it means to remain steadfast, faithful, laying hold to what my Spirit has told them and not turning away from it for any reason; total abandonment to me. Many, many are growing dimmer and weaker in that area. And the only way I can counter that is to create a people who will stand in the face of adversity, who will stand in the face of persecution, who will stand when onslaught comes against them and most of all they will clothe themselves with the armor and they will face the Spirit realm and the rulers and the princes and the powers of darkness and they will stand; and having done all they will remain faithful to stand. This must be taught to the generations or it will be lost.

So those of you in the sound of my voice who, in your spirit, you already know where your appointment lies, just recognize this was not done by circumstance, happenstance or coincidence - you were chosen by me. Some of you say, "Why? Fill us in." A piece at a time, line upon line precept upon precept, I will. Now entering into the realms of the Spirit and operating in the realms of the spiritual, now you're speaking the language of my Kingdom. This is a whole different way of thinking than the "me" and "mine" kind of thinking that is outside my Kingdom. Kingdoms are large. Even in the earthly realm Kingdoms are large. They're not a few acres of property; they're not a few miles of area. Kingdoms are large. When I say the "me" and "mine" type of thinking deals with the small, the finite, the little things: your life, your job, your personal sphere of influence, your local community, your local friends and relatives; that's the "me" and "my" thinking and when you get into that thinking all of your processes revolve around me and

mine. And I am not condemning anyone. If you recognize that, good. Now I give you the opportunity to grow past it. It's where you start.

But I'm calling for those who will not end there. I'm calling for those who will step into the realms of My Kingdom. My Kingdom covers this earth. And when you establish and maintain Open Heavens you are not bound by space, by time; there are no limitations as you understand it. You can call and have jurisdiction over events and situations and things that are not physically anywhere near you or even in your present time. It's the realms of my kingdom. The thinking in that realm is much much different than the average child of mine thinks in. So I call you to take care of, establish and settle the area of your life that is involved with the "me" and "mine". Some of you think once I get my marriage, once I get my children, once I get my finances, once I get out of my debt, once I get my health, once I get these things taken care of then I will have achieved. No. Then you will first be in the place to enter into the realms of the Kingdom and rule and reign. Before you deal with those things which are bought, paid for, given to you as a right, an inheritance of mine that I give to you; once you establish those, now the enemy has nothing to distract you with any longer. See operating and flowing in a peaceful marriage, in a Godly family, in a healthy body, in sufficient finances, in peace and wisdom and foresight and I could just keep listing, but to operate in these that deal with me and mine it is not the end accomplishment. It's in covenant. It's expected. View it this way, it's not something for you to attain it is something for you to make a lifestyle. Live it. It's freely given because it's been fully bought and paid for. So overcome the hindrances. Become victorious in the areas that keep you bound and chained down. The sooner you deal with those realms, and conquer them, the sooner you will begin to live in the fullness of what my covenant has bought for you. Now from my perspective that makes it much easier for you to operate in the realms of the Kingdom. Because when you step into the realms of the Spirit and start literally reigning and ruling and working over spiritual forces, kingdoms, demonic strongholds, curses, sins of the generations and begin crushing these things, shoving them out of the way so the Heavens can open to the people and they can experience me, I kid you not, my enemy, the ruler of the power of this age this system, will do everything in his power to distract you and throw you off to stop you. To get you back into the 'me and my' realm and get you out of his realm. The more access he has to you, the more handles you have sticking out of your life that are not dealt with yet the easier it will be for him to grab something put your life into such a turmoil, shake you so completely that you will be struggling to survive much less walking in victory in the realms of the Spirit and in My Kingdom ruling and reigning. So you must close that off to him. You don't have the rest of your life to achieve this or you will never enter into the realms of my Spirit and my Kingdom. Deal with it. Deal with it now. Deal with it now. Put your shoulder to the harness and pull with all your might and bring some of these things to an end in your life. Finish it. For it is already finished.

The Anointing and the Gift of Vision which has been released and will be released over and over, (there will be times it will be released and no one has laid a hand because it is part of the Anointing that this ministry flows in), this Anointing, this tool will be used greatly for those of you who follow Me with abandonment and learn to step into the realms of my Kingdom into the realms of the Spirit for I will show you things that you would physically not see. I will give you insight into

cities, into people, into governments, into injustices that have been done that bind up areas and tribes. I will show you. You will see it like you were standing there. No matter how far away it is. There will be times some of you will stand there and I will use what my Word speaks of and supernaturally take you to the place and let you see what you need to see. I am calling you to the halls the corridors of victory. I am calling you to the halls and the corridors of victory that lead to my dwelling place. I know no defeat. Let that get into your spirit. I am above all, I am over all, I rule over all, I have come out of death, hell and the grave victorious. Sin has no hold on me. I know no defeat. I called you and welcome you into an arena that will change this part of my world. (breathy whew) The excitement. The anticipation. The joy. Remember I told you My servants, as you would refer to as angels, my servants have been given the keys to unlock the doors and the gates of areas that have been held shut for millennia. That has already begun. But I did not give this world to my heavenly servants to rule. I gave it to the physical human race to rule. And I added onto that when I came and walked this earth and died and rose from the dead, I added onto that physical ruler ship, what was given from the beginning, I added onto that the fact that I saw the devil fall from heaven as lightning. He is under your foot and his realm, his domain is under your jurisdiction. You have been given authority to tread on serpents and scorpions and have power over all the power of the enemy and nothing shall by any means hurt you. So I've given you authority not only to rule in the physical I've given you authority to rule over the realm of the spiritual that is opposed to me. So rise up in what you've been granted.

Pastor Vern

I will just stop right here and try to describe to you the picture I am seeing. It's a wide wide hallway, corridor that goes up. It's white, kind of a pearl white with totally gold accents and trim. Everything that is trimmed or accented is gold. It goes up, I don't know how far, I can't tell that, but then it levels out and as you come up into that area there are branches of hallways or corridors that lead off of that spot where it levels out. It opens up into like an atrium and off of that, and it only goes 180 degrees, it goes directly from, as I see it, the West directly to the East and it wraps all the way around it 180 degrees, it fills the North. And the hallways, the atrium, the corridors, the places it goes are all empty. So I go back and let him continue to speak.

Return to prophecy

The Spirit realm of this world was never designed or intended to be ruled by Satan. And the only reason he has the jurisdiction and the sway and the influence that he has now is because my people have not stepped into their positions. So let me share something with you. When this world stands before me and is judged I will not blame the sinner, the unrighteous, the unbeliever, the unsaved for the direction this world went. It is not within their power to change it. They are only responding to and following their God. But I will look at my people because with great authority comes great responsibility. I will look at my people and I will ask you this question. Why did you let it go that way when it was within your power to change it? Fill my realm with the

authority that has been given to you to rule over every demon, every ruler, every principality, every power; bringing to nothing every curse, every sin of the fathers, every generational hex. Step into what I've granted you and let's begin revealing who I am to this world. Walk with me as a Bride. Walk beside me as a chosen one. Don't let me stand here alone trying to change this world when I've given all the authority to those who follow me and they do nothing with it. Step up as my bride. Step into the splendor. Step into the glory. Pursue me with abandonment and before you're done and your lineage is finished on this earth we will change this area. You will learn by my Spirit; you will see things in my Word that you've never seen before. It's plain, it's there, but you've never seen it before. I will show it to you. There will be those of you I will call out, I will segregate out, I will separate out and you will be the ones who will flow in this. It demands faithfulness. It demands perseverance. It demands Holiness. Without Holiness you can't see me and to have that Anointing of vision flow it demands Holiness. It demands a consecration. It demands to abandon all and follow me. Follow me. You will be taught of these things. I will speak to you of them again. For now, this is my recommendation. Say very little to anyone who is not of this company about what I've told you to do and what I will reveal to you and how it will play out for you. I am not saying hide it. But I am saying don't go propagating it. Say very little. Don't look to establish connections with others. If connections need establishing, I will establish them. Don't go establishing connections. Operate in relative obscurity as far as man is concerned. The only ones who really need to know how you're operating in the things of the Kingdom and the realms of the Spirit is My Kingdom, My Father and I and Our realm. And believe me, the other realm will know when you start walking the halls. When you begin filling those corridors and opening those doors that have been closed to the lives of people for so long, believe me they will know you're there. No one else really needs to know. So for now I say, keep it quiet because so quickly things can be twisted, perverted, misunderstood and used in a way that does not promote the cause we're after but literally distracts from it. So let's not give the enemy that tool. I say it again, I am so pleased so pleased with many of you. You have pushed after Me and come after Me as if you were in a dry desert arid land, a deer panting after water. You've come with everything within you. Make that a lifestyle. Not an occasion. Not a happening or an event. Make it a lifestyle. The harder you push, the faster you run, the more you commit to it the deeper into those corridors you will go. Make it a lifestyle on the basis of my Word and do not be deceived.

You do not understand the realms of the Spirit, you don't operate in the realms of the Spirit, you have seen very little in the realms of the Spirit, the only access you have to the Spirit realm is by my Spirit and the breath that I placed within you. So do not be deceived and become fanatical or emotional or "flaky", as your pastor would say, and think you know something that you don't know. Walk humbly, walk respectfully, walk teachably, walk in submission to me. Basing everything on my Word, it is in there even if you haven't seen it yet. It will keep you from being deceived and getting into deception. It must be in my Word or discard it and as my servant Paul told you, though it would seem an angel from heaven came and gave you information, if it is not in agreement with the Gospel already preached, discard it. It is a lie, it's a deception. It is not of

my Kingdom. But with that I say, lay hold to the supernatural. For laying hold to the supernatural lays hold to me, for I Am the Supernatural."

(This is a key prophecy that needs to stay in our minds)

(39) May 20-22, 2009 - The main Regional Trip to establish the boundaries for the region.

(40) July 2, 2009 - "Give \$1,000.00 to Jason and Anna. Begin to support them on a monthly basis. As long as you help take care of them, the finances for your staff will be taken care of."

(41) July 5, 2009 - Dan Larson

Kings rule and reign. Surround yourself with good people so that what is needed to be done, can be trusted to them. This is my plan. I am the King of Kings. You have been set as pillars and I will place my pillars where they should be. Honor me and you will see my righteous works. You are mine.

Pastor's Job (Jane Hillman)

- Lead, Feed, Over-See

- Pastor's can't do it all, if they try to > The church will remain small.

(42) July 26, 2009 - Revelation of Kings and Priests to W/L.

(43) July 27-29, 2009 - The 2nd Regional Trip to establish the boundaries for the region.

- Monday, (27th) > Meeting with Koochiching County Jail. (Offer - Jail Ministry)

- Wednesday, (29th) > Traveling across Ontario the Lord said:

"The time is coming soon that you will use the internet to reach these peoples."

- a. *The drive to establish the boundaries was done in 2 trips. The first one was done on May, 2009 (39 - above). A group of us went on this trip.*
- b. *We stopped about every 50 miles and poured oil and prayed. Besides getting a spiritual feel for the region by encircling it, there were also a couple visions.*

The most significant vision was south of Winnipeg when one of the people saw that every time we stopped to pour oil and pray, we were erecting a Spiritual Pillar. They were white and quite tall. From each pillar a dome of power lines was being established that went between each of the pillars in several directions. The lines formed a dome shape, and the top of the dome was fairly high in the sky. The entire region is criss-crossed with these power lines - attaching all the pillars to each other.



(44) *Late Summer, 2009 - Offer to introduce C.O.R.E. Programs into Northeaster MN jails.*

(45) *October 18, 2009*

Today is a shift in Focus. "Deal with Pride so his Glory can manifest. Stop siphoning off the Glory he gives. Give ALL the glory back to God. Not being humble blocks the Grace. (James 4:6) Everything - including the Glory - comes by Grace. The salvation of others comes by my grace."

(46) *January, 2010 - Seeking The Glory Mtgs. They gave us huge direction in a number of areas. Four of the most important were:*

(1) Permanent Change. God wants the changes he makes in us to be permanent.

(2) To truly give Glory to God, it must be about the Lost. We must learn to truly love them, and prepare for them. He asked us the question: Why don't you love the lost?

*(3) In preparation for the next revival, God is asking: "Where will I put the Babies?" (Word given to Jim Isakson)
(Emphasis switched on: 1/24/10)*

(4) It's time to put up the new building. (1/29/10)

- The proclamation of the 9, PLUS 2. Eleven different people had visions, dreams, words from the Lord saying if we are going to catch the beginning of the next harvest, we must build our new church building.

(See: Specific Direction for Word of Life - 1/29/10)

(47) *January 14, 2010 (Prophecy)*

"I want to reveal great secrets of wisdom to you. (I Corinthians 2:7) Open your hearts to hear. Open your eyes to see. For with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you. One of the major characteristics of the fallen flesh is to look back - not forward. It

dwells on the fact that life is not the same as it was before. It's not the same as it was last year, or 5 years ago. Somehow it's not as good as it was before. The flesh looks backward in time.

This is one of the main reasons why my people do not mature. They are looking back to what was and not forward to what will be. It is one of the main reasons why my people do not walk in faith. They are looking back to what was and not forward to what will be. Adults long for the childhood or teen years. Older adults are wanting life to be as it was in their early adulthood. THIS IS NOT OF MY FATHER.
(The Prophecy goes on to explain more of growing in maturity)

(48) March 20, 2010 (Prophecy from Destaye Crawford)

"I see you nine months pregnant. I see the stretch marks. You cannot get stretched much further. It's time for the baby to be born; for Revival to begin. You ask me how. How will this be done? And here will come forth the David's. The least expected ones. The ones that others will say: go home to your father. David just came to serve. He came on command. He came to bring bread. David remembered what God had already done for him with the Lion and the Bear. Remember what God has done for you and that same Glory will come on you and more. Remember, you are the least expected. You will take a rock to the head of the enemy and he will fall. And here comes the Kings. Here comes the Kings."

(49) Pastor Vern (7/16/2010)

Church Government Dream Excerpt.

As I was waking up, the Lord, or Holy Spirit said to me:

"The only reason this form of government can function is because of lack of corruption"

I knew he was talking about the government of Word of Life. (We have set it up under the direction Bro. Kaseman gave years ago. Elders being in charge and the decision making body. The elders being made up of the pastor, his wife, and one other.)

I knew that the Lord was not saying this was the wrong form of government, or a bad form of government. But it had a vulnerability. The only way it would work correctly was if corruption stayed out of it. He went on to say:

“Most ministers (in christianity) do not live at that level of lack of corruption in their lives. This form of government would not work in their churches. That’s why congregations get burned, and set up a laity led church government. It’s to take that power away from the pastor who would abuse the power. The laity led form of government is a step down from the one Brother Kaseman proposed. (It was like going to second best.) Long term it too has problems and could be corrupted by the men who lead it. Only in rare occasions, that problem didn’t arise in a laity led church government.”

He went on to show me that the reason they would abuse it, is because they did not give birth to and raise the ministry/church. When it’s not born in suffering and raised as their baby, they aren’t willing to lay their lives down for the best of the organization. Rather than having the attitude that they are there to serve God through it, the attitude changes to one of the organization is there to serve them. (Power, Money, Prestige, Etc.) They are still wanting to serve God, but there is a skew on the attitude and motives in how they’d run it via the type of government we have in place at W/L.

It was made very plain that the only way the position, and power of the position would be appreciated, respected and handled correctly is when the people in charge have come through suffering and the process of having to lay down their lives for the best of the organization. Now it would be taken care of and watched over correctly. If it is handed to them, and they didn’t have to suffer and go through pain to help raise the work/ministry to where it is - the leadership would bring their corruption into the ministry and it would quickly become corrupted. As a result the anointing would lift off of it and the church would quickly fall. (It may stay in existence, but fall from the grace it was to walk in and the destiny it was to fulfill)

As I’m thinking about this the Holy Spirit said:

“It’s not power that corrupts. It’s the corruption that is already there that becomes evident when someone gets power. The corruption is taken out via suffering and gaining maturity. Laying your life down for the betterment of the ministry. The person must grow to the point where it is not seen as a position of power, but a position of service/servanthood. (To God first, and secondly to the people) The only thing that can produce this and keep this attitude and motive is ‘The Fear of the Lord’.” (Scriptures that came to mind: AMP. - Proverbs 3:7, 8:13, 11:2, 16:6, 19:23)

I had just woke up from a dream where there was a group of young people learning how to minister. They were going onstage and getting ready to minister. It almost appeared like they weren't taking it seriously. They were talking to each other and carrying on with excitement, but it came off like this wasn't really ministry, but was all about them.

I knew the young adults preparing to minister and going out to practice in front of the people and Bro. Kaseman had corruption inside of them. It's not that their joy, excitement, joking, etc. were bad or evil. But I knew there was a vein of ungodliness that ran through it.

Thoughts I had about W/L.

This focus of this dream is the next generation(s) and what God said he's endeavoring to build here at Word of Life: "A building that would remain for generations, should his coming tarry".
I knew we have a potential problem that needs to be addressed. The feeling I was left with was that the children / young people at Word of Life were being fashioned and matured by God (via suffering) to be able to take over and help lead at Word of Life, and not lead it into corruption. The suffering and pain was necessary to accomplish that in them. It was not complete, but it was in process.

But what will be done with the following generation? They will have a much larger, more finished product handed to them. How could they be prepared to handle it correctly? Especially since they will be removed from the suffering and pain that has been involved with birthing and raising the organization. God will work this out, and we must be wise in over-seeing them.

(50) January, 2011 - Open-Heaven Meetings.

1/7-9/11 - Randy Mitchell. Summary of what God was telling us. He dealt with the question from the previous year's meetings: "Why don't you really care about the lost?" (see: January 10, 2010) The answer is below:

- (1) It all goes back to the 1st and 2nd commandments. (Matthew 22:37-40)*
- (2) To Grow in our Love Relationship with Jesus,*
- (3) We must culture our daily, dynamic relationship with him,*
- (4) As we grow in that Love, we will begin to Really care about the unsaved. (wife, family)*
- (5) The lack of true Love and Honest Caring about the Lost, (spouse, family, etc.) is only the reflection, evidence, thermometer of how much we Really Care about and Love God.*
- (6) Sloppy, Half-hearted Discipleship will not produce a Love for the Lost.*

- (7) *Discipleship in us is paramount to growing in our Love Relationship with Jesus,*
(8) *And Honestly, Truly being Moved by the fate of Unbelievers. (spouse, family, etc.)
To be a disciple, we will have to relinquish every claim we have to our life.
Jesus didn't die for sin, he died for People. Sin was just a problem he needed to get
out of the way.*

*We are limited by only one thing - how much we Love him and his creation. Expanded
Authority, Power, Impact, Destiny, Etc. comes with Expanded Love.*

***WE ARE COMMISSIONED TO GROW IN LOVE FOR THE LOST, STARVING,
DYING, HURT, DAMAGED, REBELLIOUS, ETC.***

(51) *1/21-23/11 - Bruce Van Natta.*

- (1) *It's not a power thing. It's a Love thing that releases the power. (Bruce Van Natta)*
(2) *We're not to be Power or Glory Seekers. The baseline motivation for wanting to see
God move in people's lives, must revolve around Love for those people.*

(52) *Julie Barnes (5/18/11)*

*I woke up from a dream where I was carrying twins for my sister. I did not want to give
them up. I wanted my own. Then I heard this - come and make us One.*

*I see our church. We are all milling about, doing our own thing. Minding our own busi-
ness. And then, we come together and form a single-file line and walk straight into the
arms of the cross. We all become one flesh with him.*

*Then I see a fan. a Geisha fan. (Japanese decorated handheld fan which is used in danc-
ing) Beautifully and artfully decorated with glitter and beads and brightly colored paint in
blue (represents the divine revelation), and lavender (represents authority and royalty),
pink (represents flash, chaste, sweetness) and white (represents purity, without mixture).
The fan opens and we expand as one. The fan closes and we diminish as one.*

One flesh. One body. One mind. One spirit. Unity. Expansion. Movement.

*The time for expansion and movement has risen upon us. It is near. It's time to expand. To
increase.*

The baby is twins. We need more room to expand. We need more room to hold the babies.

Doubling in size, but the core is strong and healthy. The car is solid. Firm.

Reveille. Reveille. (The signal sounded on a bugle or drum to wake personnel in the Armed Forces.)

It's time to follow our leader into victory and triumph. It's time to move forward. We're on the move. The babies are coming. We must prepare. We must get ready.

(53) Julie Barnes. (5/15/11)

We are on the move like a giant flock of sheep. We know the enemy is near. We hear the howl as it serenades the rising moon with this banshee-like call of the wild.

We have to get ready to run as a group, for there is safety and comfort and strength in numbers.

We quickly grab the children and carry them. The elderly and infirmed, that can't keep up the pace, we put in the center to ensure their safety.

In the distance we see a wolf running through the open field. It morphs into a lion with glowing red eyes and morphs again into a dragon with huge fangs and a pointed tail like a scorpion. The wolf has come to thin the flock. But we are secure as one and safe with the shepherd of our souls. We have nothing to fear.

The enemy is going to come and try to split defer the flock off course. We must stop him, for we have been forewarned. We must be forearmed and ready.

(54) Joe and Doreen Samsa. (Sunday, May 22, 2011)

Doreen:

You are my church. You are my people. I have heard the cry of your hearts. I see the building, I know it is there and now I will begin to speak to you on how it is to be built. Listen my children. There are you that I have chosen, I will show you what it will look like, I will show you how it will be done. It is near! It is close! It is not in the distance, it is close! Be

ready!! Be listening! Know that I have heard you - I have heard the groaning of my people. I have heard the cry of your hearts. It is time - now! It is time! Be listening! Be ready! Because I am ready to show you. I am ready to speak. For now is the time!

Joseph:

My children - I stand in anticipation as I look at you this morning. My desire for you is to take a new step. To find your step - your destiny and step into that, and to begin to harvest the blessing that I have for you. You have sown, continue to so, but now is a time of harvesting the blessing for you and for this body! The blessing will come as you find your destiny! As you shake it out - as you begin to walk in it (the path that I have chosen you to walk in). As you see your destiny, the blessing will be there. Harvest it! Bring it into my house! Bring it in that there may be plenty for all. Bring it in! Bring it in!

(55) Doreen Samsa (6/25/2011)

I was praying on Thursday morning and felt led to share this.

For the past month or more, God has been clearly saying changes ahead. Be ready and listening for direction. Thursday morning I began to pray over our church and the building. The Holy Spirit took me to the scripture he gave me regarding this.

2 Corinthians 10:15b-16: “Our hope is that, as your faith continues to grow, our area of activity among you will greatly expand, so that you can preach the gospel in the regions beyond you.”

He keyed in on two words: “expand and region”. After I read it he took me into intense intercession. The Glory of God became so intense in the room. There was such a strong sense of his presence, greatness, and unlimited power.

(56) July 11, 2011 - Pastor Vern

- “Arise my son. Plan and prepare. I swore in oath to you that I would take care of the building. At a time when you think not it will be upon you.”

(57) Pastor Vern (10/30/2011)

Pastor had a dream when a problem with the County arose concerning the building on Hwy. 95 that we were trying to purchase for a church building. The dream gave a few pieces of information:

- a. Don't do anything concerning the current zoning and variance issue. It will pass on it's own. (Which it did)*
- b. To get to our destination, we needed to take a short cut. It would go through a number of towns, two of which were: Isle, and Isabella.*

- Isle: "an island or peninsula, especially a small one"

- Isabella: (Hebrew) - "My God is a Vow".

- c. June 24, 2008 (at Ruby-Tuesday's - Mall of America - AFCM Conference)*

- "I have the church building taken care of. It's on its way. You planted much seed for it. The seed has been growing for a long time. Watch me work. You will be amazed."

- d. July 11, 2011.*

- "Arise my son. Plan and prepare. I swore in oath to you that I would take care of the building. At a time when you think not it will be upon you."

(See: June 24, 2008)

(58) September 9, 2012 - Pastor Vern (Prophecy)

(Parallel Prophecy - see: June 3, 2007)

"The Lord of the Generations"

"Now it is my time to speak says the Lord of the generations. I want to speak. I want to speak to my workman, my handmaids and my warriors. Behold I've stood at the door of your heart and I have knocked. Some of you have let me in... fully let me in. Some of you have opened the door enough and peered out enough that I can speak to you through the crack in the door. And some of you refuse to open to me at all. So now by this vessel... by a gift imparted by my Spirit - I choose to speak to you this morning and I choose to speak to you face to face. I need you. I, the Living God of this universe, need you! I need you to be the light of this world. And I need you to be the salt to this earth. I need you. Now I will come back and continue speaking to you.

Now I want to speak to the older generation...

There was something that happened when your Pastor prayed over one of my little creation. He felt it was because he is getting old. Let me bring clarity to that. It has nothing to do with his age. It has to do with: there is a shift in preparation for the greatest harvest this world has ever seen. I am about to gather... not thousands, not millions... I am about to gather billions into my Kingdom. I will, I will have the reward of my suffering! I WILL!

Now I have spoken to you before and told you that as the baby boomer generation you were groomed to be a selfish people. Because of the prosperity that I blessed this land with, because of the freedom you enjoy in making choices, coupled with the evil and the wickedness that wants to stop what I am about to do on this earth. There was an entire generation in this land (which you call America) that has been groomed to think about themselves. What they want, what they desire, how they want life to be, what they can accumulate for themselves, how easy they can take it in this life and on and on and on I could go on describing how an entire generation was made to tune me out and put all focus on what they want. And all success, and all achievement was based on humanistic thinking. What they want.

I've called you in the past to refocus. Some of you have, some of you have not. Some of you persist in your mindset, your thinking as you have been trained. It's about 'you'. Your future, your desires, your goals, your plans, your dreams – it's all about you. So now I speak to you to encourage you: you will have some catching up to do. You have not allowed me by my Word to transform and renew your mind to think differently. You're still caught in the old pattern that was not of me. So now you will have to make effort to catch up quickly. Because now I am not calling for refocus... now I'm calling for the shift. Now I'm calling for the shift. You, older generation, are responsible. You, of the older generation, are responsible to impart into the next generation. You're responsible to encourage them, you're responsible to watch over them, you're responsible to guide them by My Spirit and I emphasize that: by My Spirit!

I don't need your traditions passed on to this next generation – I need the power of my living Father to flow into this generation like you have never dreamt or imagined. So I speak to you in caution: speak to them by my Spirit! Not by your tradition. I need you to not make them 'earn' their way forward. I need you to catapult them forward. And I'm speaking of supplying for them in the physical realm. I didn't give it to you to make your life soft and easy. I gave it to you for the furtherance of my Kingdom.

If I were to ask this morning the question I asked the rich man when I was on this earth: 'sell it all and come and follow me'. I would have much of the same response I had from the rich man. Now don't misunderstand me, I'm not asking that question, but I'm bringing it up for you to check your heart. If I asked the question: 'sell it all, give it to the Kingdom and come follow me'... would you turn away the same way he turned away? See selfishness is not a new thing, it has been around for a long time. Don't conceal selfishness as wisdom for it is not. The key principle is: hear from my Spirit what you must do.

There is a shift in process. There is a change of direction and course in process. Much of the revival to come and the harvest ingathering that is coming... much of that harvest will not be brought in by the older generation. It will be the next generation's responsibility and I will empower them! They will not be asked to do this on their own. But I need you, the older generation, to not only think differently and refocus on what this whole thing is all about. I need you to find ways to leave a heritage in the next generation and impart into them. I'm calling you now to sow...because they will reap. And the two will rejoice together.

So now I speak again to the younger generation:

I speak visions (breath breathed on the people)...I speak dreams (breath breathed on the people)...I speak angelic visitation and cooperation (Breath breathed on the people)...I speak the supernatural to begin to settle into your hearts with such convincing of my Spirit – you will know that you will know that you will know that YOU KNOW! You will be so thoroughly convinced that it makes no difference what the god of this age would throw at you, you will stand with a face as flint. Your armor will be intact and you will be a warrior for Righteousness... for RIGHTEOUSNESS! Something that is severely beginning to lack on the face of this earth!

RECEIVE what I speak to you now... receive it by Faith! And out of it will come signs, and wonders, and miracles and healings and wisdom and insight and answers - answers of the supernatural order. Not something that you ponder and you think about and you work through in your human mind and you try to find a way. Something that will be a simple answer that drops into your heart - like I gave to the Scribes and the Pharisees and the Sadducees over and over and over. Remember when I came to this earth I laid aside the Godly empowerment that I had as the Word of God. Everything that flowed through me was by the Spirit of my Father. Some of you have said: 'Oh that I might have the answers and the wisdom that Jesus had. It wasn't my wisdom or my answers... it was the Spirit speaking through me as the Father spoke. And what I had I freely give to you!

Rise up in this. Look for Supernatural... Supernatural insight and understanding, and you'll know when it's my Spirit that has spoken to you. It will be so clear. You'll know, 'I could have never thought of that, and now I see it perfectly' – that was me speaking to you by my Spirit.

My young men and my young women: this church is now studying Joseph. Let me remind you something of Joseph: it was in his early years I spoke to him. I spoke to him and gave him the purpose for his life. This is what I want to do with you. Are you willing to hear it? Are you willing to see? Are you willing to understand? You say, 'What do you mean am I willing?' Are you willing to die to your dreams and your goals and your desires and your plans of what you thought you wanted this life to be? Are you willing to die to it and lay it all to the side and say, 'God... here I am! I offer myself freely, willingly and I give all of me to you! Whatever you want – wherever you need me... anything you desire I am yours!' Are you willing? Because he who lays down

his life will find it. You must lay it down and empty yourself of yourself before I can fill you with me. It's just how it works since sin has entered this human race... that's how it works.

I am preparing for the greatest victory this earth has ever seen. You have heard there are more people alive on this planet today than all the people in previous centuries combined. Here is my heart: it matters nothing to me if it's one or it's billions...I am asking you to be my ambassadors and go to this one or to these billions because I died for every one of them. I love them with a craving and a longing no human can understand. I need you... I NEED YOU to follow my Spirit, go do what He says! I will supply, I will provide and I will empower you! It's already bought, it's already paid for. If you will step out in faith, set yourself as though you will never be moved from what I've asked you to do! I will come with the Supernatural. I've already called it over you. Step into agreement with me and it will manifest to you.

So behold I stand at your door and I knock this morning. Open the door. Open the door. Open it wide! And as it says: 'I will come in and sup and commune with you'. Would you find comfort, would you find security, would you feel reassured if I physically came to your house, sat down at your table and said, 'Now this is where I will stay until all is accomplished in your life' – would you find reassurance in that? Because that is the picture I'm giving you this morning. I am asking to come and sit down in your life and not leave, and not move until all is accomplished. And I am reassuring you – I am reassuring you that all will be well! Just let me come in and sit down. All will be well. I will begin showing many of you the faces of people that are in your hands. Their destiny, their future will be based on whether you obey me or not. How will they hear except someone goes and preaches to them?

And older generation...how will that one go except they be sent? I will convince you... by My Spirit... I will convince you... I will convince you...I will convince you... and it will be a supernatural convincing because I am raising up an army that is not going to be complacent... an army that is not going to be slothful... an army that is not going to be with me one day and against me the next... or fighting for me one day and the next day its all about them!

I am raising up and army that will step into the realms of the Supernatural and will operate with me at their side like this world has never seen before and I'm standing at your hearts door and I am knocking this morning and I am asking: open that door and let me in and commit yourself to me this day!"

(59) July 19, 2013 - Pastor Vern

- "The reason it is so difficult right now is because you are in transition." (Giving birth to Manasseh - Joseph's Anointing)

(60) January 9-12, 2014 (Angelic Activity - Open Heavens - 2014)

(Thursday - 9th)

During praise and worship I saw a large (20' +) angel (with wings) on the west side of the building on the outside. He was one of the angels who came Tuesday night when we welcomed them and asked for those who are commissioned to be here. This could be the same angel(s) that were seen guarding Pastor's property and the modular. (See: December 14, 2008)

When I first saw him, he was spinning in Praise and Worship.

He was motioning exaltation toward the heavens with his arms and wings in unison. Then in one of the songs he began doing a different thing. He would be standing on the ground then quickly he'd lift both wings straight up and he'd quickly rise into the air approx. 30 feet. Then he would put both wings down very quickly and crashed to the ground. Hitting the ground with extreme force. This happened over and over, then I saw 3 of them on the east fence line doing the same thing. I believe I could sense that there are 5 on the fence line on each of the 4 sides. (Counting the corners). But there may be more, I couldn't tell. They were all doing it in unison. Over and over.

The Holy Spirit said they were causing the demonic spirit realm to be terrified of this place.

I asked why there were so many of them. (Compared to the modular property). He said, because he knew what was coming.

I didn't see any weapons at this time, but I felt like they were some kind of warrior, guarding, protecting, defending angels. Not sure.

(Saturday - 11th)

I saw his boots. Reminded me of the Roman style. They went up to the knee.

During P & W - the angel on the west side was oscillating his arms and wings in worship. One side high and the other low. Then Vs - Versa.

At the end of a worship song - he bowed down and covered himself entirely with his wings.

(Sunday - 12th)

Before service I saw his lower half. He's standing with a large sword - point down - with both hands resting on the top of the heel of the sword.

During P & W. When Dean, Eugene, and Sam started dancing around the sanctuary, his sword began to burn with a flame. The flame height was a few inches high. As we praised, he would move the flaming sword around over his head and in front of him. The movements were a mixture of smooth and war-like. He did this for the rest of the faster songs. I noticed during this time that his wings were almost not visible. He is able to fold them up on his back so that they are almost not able to be seen.

When we all knelt in worship, he knelt down with his face to the ground and covered himself completely with his wings. The flaming sword was laid out in front of him and it pointed straight forward. It was still burning.

*(61) April 2, 2014 - Pastor Vern (Prophecy)
(Parallel Prophecy: see: January 16, 2022)*

“It is I, the Great I am... from eternal ages past – I AM. For eternal ages future – I AM. I AM and always ... always... I AM.

I stand at the door and I knock. I have been intensely standing at the door and knocking on any heart that I see would be willing to open their door.

Tonight I speak to you: In my Word, have I not said I will not do a thing except I reveal it to my people beforehand through the Prophets? Tonight I speak to you and I reveal a glimpse... a few pieces.

I grow weary of the direction of this land spiritually and of many parts in this world spiritually. I grow weary. I am patient. I am kind. I am merciful and give what is not deserved. And yet, where is the repentance in the land? Where is the repentance in many parts of this world? My Spirit does not continue on an ongoing basis to strive with man as He always has and there is a shift that is in process of being made – My Hand is about to move. And there are those who call themselves prophets who peep and mutter, ‘Nothing but good is coming’.

I speak to you tonight: that is not correct. For my Father who is righteous and holy does not wink at sin. He withdraws from it. It repels Him! He is disgusted by it and He abhors it! And when a culture and a nation chooses to continually, continually, continually pursue deeper and deeper and deeper into realms that are not of My Father, that are away from Him and His

Holiness and His Kingdom: My Father will withdraw from that. And the result of that is: the prince and power of the air has more room to do as he desires. I have been standing at the door and knocking on hearts of those who are mine and on hearts of those who are not mine. For my desire is that none would perish. And what I share with you tonight is not to inspire fear, I am simply being true to My Word. I will reveal to those who are willing to open the door and listen and hear me. I will reveal before it comes.

Have you been listening? Have you been hearing? Have you been doing what I have been prompting you to do? For those of you that have not, I strongly, STRONGLY... I STRONGLY plead with you. Do what my Spirit has been telling you to do.

I have always had a Remnant that is mine.... ALWAYS had a Remnant that is mine – this is She who listens to Me, who seeks Me, who pursues Me, who is obedient to Me, who looks to Me, who relies on Me, who depends on Me. I have ALWAYS had a remnant. And that Remnant has no limit on its number – it is determined by the hearts of the people... their focus, their attitude, their pursuit and their obedience.

I speak of the Remnant:

I have been speaking to you. Individually, are you doing – have you done what the promptings of My Spirit have been telling you? If not, it's time to do them. It's time to do them, now is time. As you obey and set your faith, not a hair on your head will be harmed. I have promised it in My Word and I restate it again: there will be many who will suffer loss, but I take care of my Remnant and as you are faithful to Me and put your faith in Me, not a hair of your head will be touched. But again I say, what I have asked you to do by My Spirit, you need to do.

If it is dealing with your own fear, you need to deal with your own fear – NOW.

If it is seeing Me more clearly, because you've built your relationship stronger with me so you can hear My voice more accurately – if this is what my Spirit has been prompt-ing you to do, NOW is the time to do it.

If it is some form of physical action, movement, preparation - now is the time to do it.

For I grow weary of what is happening in the spirit of the land. Not only this land, but many lands around this world. And it is not imminent, but soon. I say it again, it is not imminent, but soon there will be cataclysmic disruptions in this land and in parts of this world.

You don't need to know what they are, you need to obey in what I've told you to do. I know what they are, I know what you need to be ready. DO what I've told you to do.

That's why I say, I stand at your heart's door and knock. LET ME IN, let's commune and let's do. Remember this: I WILL protect My People Israel. There are things that are transpiring

behind the scenes that you know nothing of, and by the way this system is set up – it will NOT be revealed to you. You will never know what’s going on, but I see all and I know all and I will deal with all and all you need to know is: **those who BLESS Israel and posture themselves to do so are part of my Remnant and I will take care of them. Those who posture themselves against Israel will come under a curse and I WILL NOT, I WILL NOT break My Word! That curse will prevail against them because it has been spoken and it will not return to me void.**

There is a growing discontent across the face of this land - against My People Israel and I WILL NOT make exceptions for anyone. I have spoken it and I will perform it. Posture yourself to BLESS My People Israel. Posture yourself – do not provoke Me. Posture yourself to receive blessing from Me.

The greatest days for My Remnant still lay before you. Guard your heart that you do not interpret what I just said according to your human, fleshly desires. I say it again, the greatest days for my Remnant lay before you. And as you walk in and obey what I’ve told you to do and follow Me – blessing will come upon you and overtake you and propel you into realms you have NEVER, you have NEVER enjoyed. I take care of those who are betrothed to Me. I will not allow My Bride to suffer harm. She is precious to Me. She is Anointed to perform and carry out My bidding on this earth. And as long as she walks in that, there is no weapon formed against her... there is no evil that can touch her. There is no lack, loss, or want that will ensnare or encapsule her.

I say it again, obey what I’ve told you to do. Obey what I’ve told you to do. I share so that you will be prepared, you will be ready. For fear will run as...”

Pastor Vern: “Okay I’m going to interrupt right here because He is not giving me the words, but I am seeing it. It’s kind of like rivers but it’s like rivers of electricity. As electricity, like lightning when it goes someplace but it’s going along the ground and it just moves jagged, back and forth and just flows like that...”

“Fear will run in veins through this land and will jump from fearful person, to fearful person, to fearful person and will spread quickly.

For My people, it will not jump on them – for I have not given you a spirit of fear. Stand strong, stand secure, stand solid in Me and all will be well.

(62) May 24, 2014 - Valorie Mann (Dream)

A handful of people like the size of our prayer group (around 25 people) church service was just to begin, you were holding a baby (an enlarged baby) nothing attractive about the baby – he was only wearing a diaper... nobody thought he was a cute baby. I was watching you – it looked like you were scanning for your wife. You didn't see her so you began service as you were holding the baby. The baby was squirming & uncomfortable & so were you.

You began praying as you usually do – but as you were praying you were more focused on trying to settle the baby down & you kept looking around for Mary to take him from you. Some people just watched you as you struggled, some people were oblivious.

I was sitting toward the front just a couple rows between you & I. So I reached over the pews to take the baby from you. As I am stretching over, my feet kept slipping, (I was wearing slippery dress shoes) & I could not get a good hold on the baby, so it was a struggle handing the baby off to me, I was having a hard time getting a good grip. When I finally did get a good grip, I had my right arm between his legs with my hand on his butt & my left arms going around his back. I did not take the baby from you out of love for the baby, I just took the baby to help you out because nobody else was, nor did anybody want to.

When I took the baby I walked around with him to keep him quiet & settled.

As I was walking around with him in the sanctuary I walked by the south windows & I spotted Mary sitting outside on the ground, on a green & white checked blanket, she was counseling a couple (a middle aged husband & wife whom I did not know – they did not go to our church)

What I immediately thought on when I woke up was:

- For all the struggling we were going through, it would have made more sense for me to walk around the pew up to you– we could have made a simple hand off.

- Why didn't you ask someone to help you.

- Why did the people including myself watch you struggle – it wasn't your job to take care of that baby... if it was a cute/normal/easy to take care of baby – many people would have automatically taken the baby from you even before church service started.

Application for the Church:

- Newborn spiritual babies are coming into the church.

- Very few people are stepping up to take care of them.

- Mary is working with people outside the church. That is the avenue the babies are coming into the church through.

- The church body needs to get involved with taking care of the new christians.

(63) January 27, 2015 - Pastor Vern

- Holy Spirit asked me: 'What is Maturity?'

- I thought for a while, and not having a good answer come to me, I asked him - what is maturity?

- He responded with this:

> 'To be Completely Healed; Completely Whole'.

> That's the goal for W/L. To help people become Mature in this fashion.

(64) February 4, 2015

- I was thinking about getting past the place in the church where if someone leaves it doesn't immediately have an affect on our finances. The thought went through my mind that it will be nice when Manassah is born. Then I realized for me that always living under that pressure in ministry was 'the toil of my youth' for me. Then I believe the Holy Spirit said: "he will be born this year".

(65) April 1, 2015 - Angelic Activity - (Pastor Vern)

During the song: 'God of Forever'

The Angels either had themselves covered with their wings, or they were fluttering, stirring, pushing outward with them. It was a movement of both wings from beside them, forward with a lifting motion. The ones outside the building were covering themselves. The ones in the opening above the platform were doing the stirring, or pushing.

I think they were helping lift and move the worship that was coming from the people.

During the song: 'You are Good, and your love endures forever'

The Angels in the funnel above the stage were formed in circular rows. One stacked on top of and within the other, one after another going upward. They all had their wings stretched out beside them. (horizontally) They were fluttering them. The further to the wing tip, the more it fluttered. Again, I felt like they were moving the worship.

(66) Over the years there has been much angelic activity seen by numerous people. We have only mentioned a few of the times we saw what was happening, but it has become a regular occurrence where someone is seeing something that the angels are doing in our services.

(67) June, 2015 - Julie Barnes

On my way home last night, the Lord showed me that our church is going through a major sifting like Gideon's army. (Judges 7:1-8 - NLT)

This morning, the Lord showed me what was happening last night at the end. I heard everyone saying: 'one for all and all for one'. While putting their hands on top of each other like they do before a game.

Then I saw the Knights of the Roundtable. I saw you all sitting at a huge round table with a fountain in the middle with the blood of Jesus flowing out of it - on top of the table and flowing down and all around and out and in and upon everyone. Cities, states, even the world at large. The swords were laying in front of each one on the table top with the sharp tips of the blades meeting in the middle.

Then the Lord showed me a strand of ever-lit old fashion Christmas bulbs. They were all white. He said you (Pastor Vern) and Pastor Mary were the beginning plug and the end connecting plug and if one of these bulbs went out, if one of the Warriors chose to leave and do something else, the light would still keep burning and the strand would keep lighting no matter what. The power was still there to the bulb that had gone out but because of choices made to go or not to go, the light was out or just come loose and only needed to be tightened back in to get the power flowing again. The sifting and narrowing and strengthening of the bond has been going on for a while now. There are some who will not go with. Because the higher we go, the more responsibility there will be and some will not choose to come.

(68) July 11, 2015 - Valorie Mann

Dream –

You, Vern were preaching the Sunday morning sermon – that led us into compassion for the lost. Nobody was aware of what your plans were – you had 5 orphaned dark skinned children standing outside. These children were well fed, well clothed, adorable! They only lacked one thing – they were all going to hell if we didn't share Gods love with them.

You opened the double doors and invited the congregation to go individually pray for these children- speaking salvation life & love into these children (just like a prayer line). People lined up to take their turn to pray – as people started praying for these children the anointing of compassion started falling on the people, you could see and feel the compassion started outside where the children where and slowly started coming in through the doors and then kept filling the church.

The people who were in line (mainly were women – a few men) and the people intending to get in line were being touched in a mighty way by compassion. There was a physical change in people that I could see but not explain – its like I could see it in the spirit realm and I could see and feel it in the atmosphere – it was extremely peaceful and loving.

Mary at this time was walking around laying hands on praying for people who were overwhelmed with compassion. Mary was praying that this anointing will be a long lasting – a life lasting change being imparted into them.

The Big picture of the dream:

- This is what spoke to me: “The people are not going out to evangelize, so you brought the lost to us. The Lord wants us/the church to be filled with compassion.”

(69) Dean Gann-Olehy (July 27, 2015)

*The dream was in black-and-white. (Warning Dream)
It was in the daytime. In the current time era.*

I was standing at the intersection of Highway 47 and 95. I was with Pastor Vern and other people from the church. Valerie was one that I remember seeing. We were all standing on the south west corner. We were watching the wind swirl, as there was a flag flapping in the wind. The flag was a US flag.

Suddenly a gust of wind kicked up and we watched the flag flap towards the northwest. The wind seemed to be coming out of the southeast and seemed very focused. We were all wondering if a huge storm was blowing in, when someone yelled out that there was a tornado forming in the northwest. I turned to look and at first it appeared to be two tails of tornadoes coming out of the sky, but as I looked closer I could see that the tails were actually search lights coming down from an object shrouded by the clouds. It was making a horrific horn like sound. I turned to pastor Vern and asked: "Does that feel demonic?" He didn't answer, but gave me a look that suggested: yeah, you think. (then I woke up).

a. Dean was the elder of the church at that time, so the dream is coming from the perspective of the leadership of the church.

b. Without going into great detail, this was the warning that the church would need to get involved with the attack that was about to come upon our country.

(70) December 6, 2015 - Pastor Vern

There was a strong movement of the Spirit in Praise and Worship. (I Didn't preach) During the singing I saw pulses of light going out from the earthly and angelic music bands. (They came from the bands as one source) I turned to the leader of the angelic band and asked > 'What is Happening'? He said: 'It's a God Thing'. I asked: 'What does it mean'? He said: 'I don't know. God is about to do something'.

The pulses of light looked like the shock wave that happens when a planet is destroyed on a Sci-Fi movie. (Like Star Wars, Etc.) The pulses kept happening for a time.

There was also a gathering of 'witnesses' (Heb. 12:1) sitting at the north side of the sanctuary. From what I could tell, there was probably 10-12 people watching. They were not there for the entire service, but they were there when this all took place.

The gathering of the witnesses had not happened since the end of 2009 in the modular.

I had the sense that Manasseh's birth had been completed. That's what was happening with the shock waves.

(See: February 4, 2015; September 27, 2015)

Definitions for Manasseh and Ephraim.

> *Manasseh - "To make to forget" (Hebrew Definition)*
- *"To forget the toil of your youth"*

> *"Toil"*
: *struggle, battle*
: *laborious effort*
: *long strenuous fatiguing labor*

> *Ephraim - "Fruitful, Fertile, and Productive" (Hebrew Definition)*
- *"To Abound and Super-Abound"*

These coincide with what was told to us in 1995: The 'Super-Imposed' floors that were to be built on the existing church in CO. [See: point (1) under "Opening the Scroll"]

- Manasseh coincides with the 7th Floor.

> *The number 7 stands for: "Spiritual Perfection and Completeness".*

> *So with the movement towards: "Spiritual Perfection and Completeness".*

Will come:

"To make to forget" (Hebrew Definition)
"To forget the toil of your youth"

- Ephraim coincides with the 8th Floor.

> *The number 8: "New Beginnings".*

> *So again: with the movement towards: "New Beginnings",*

Will come:

"Fruitful, Fertile, and Productive" (Hebrew Definition)
"To Abound and Super-Abound"

This is what he is wanting to produce in Word of Life in MN!!!

(71) January 8, 2016 - John Paul Sprecher

There are many instructors out there, but there are a few fathers. God says: I am wanting to turn that. I am wanting to turn that around. I'm wanting to release fathers. I am wanting to release mothers. I'm wanting to release daughters. I'm wanting to release sons into the earth. I want them to be seen. I want them to be heard. I want them to be known. I want them to make me known. I want to fill them. I want to fill them with my Spirit. I want to fill them. I want to take of what is mine and I want to give it to them. And I want to rebuild the ruins that have fallen down.

I keep hearing the Lord say: the ruins are not the buildings. It's not the outward appearance. The ruins are the people. The ruins are the people and they feel they have been ruined. They have been spoiled by the garden in the spirit of this age.

The Spirit of the Lord says: I am raising up people that even like Nehemiah, Will rebuild. Rebuild. Not the physical, although sometimes, maybe I will rebuild a building here and there, but I'm going to rebuild lives. I am going to rebuild lives. I'm going to rebuild lives and I'm calling you to my side and by my side because I am the Restorer of the breach. I am the Restorer of the gap. And I am placing you in the gap between them and me, And I am pouring out upon you - my heart. I am giving you, I am giving you - my people - both now and forever when you hear me, I am giving you my heart on the matter. I am giving you and will freely give you my wisdom. I will give you my resource. I will give you my understanding. I will give you my Ways.

I will not withhold from you as you rebuild the wall, as you rebuild the ruin, as you restore of the shattered life, as you restore the shattered dream. I will not withhold from you for I will bless you. I will bless you with the blessings that you have not yet even seen. I will bless you with the measure that you have not yet been able to receive because I am releasing upon you my heart like never before so you will be about what I am doing a like never before. I will feed you all that you need to restore and rebuild that which is around you, for you carry my heart and you carry my ways and you carry my wisdom. I will not withhold my hand from you, as you offered up your heart to me, to know me and to know my heart, I will use you and carry you and bless you like never before.

Do not doubt the power of my heart and the power of my resolve. All I need is a people, all I need is a house from which I can operate, from which I can move, that will receive me, and I will make you ascend. And I will send you with all power and authority with my name to do my bidding. To do my business - my heavenly heart business in the earth.

I hear the Lord say: this will be an answer to prayer. This is going to be an answer to many questions - what I am going to do right here is going to bring healing to this land.

- Application: In the General sense, this applies to the church in general.

More Specifically: this is talking about Mission 61.

(72) July 9, 2016 - Pastor Vern

- 'Do you want the TBO building? If you want it I'll give it to you.'

- I said: If this is what you want for us, yes. I was coming from the perspective of: I don't know the future, he does, so if this is what we're to be doing long term - I want it. If it's not what we're supposed to be doing, I don't want it.

(73) November 13, 2016 - Pastor Vern

- Concerning building on the land on Hwy 47:

> "If you want to go there (47) you can, but I never asked you to go there"

(74) July 14, 2018 - Calvin Woods and Brian Holley.

And I'm going to decree this right now. Every bit of financial provision that you need, for what I've called you to do, I am decreeing and declaring right now, that people who are hearing me right now, that you will release finances into this ministry that they can do what God has told them. The Lord said if you will do it, I will give you a miracle. God says if you will release the finances, I will release a miracle into your life because you have obeyed me. They are about my souls, they are about the hurting. And God says if you will release it and bless them, I will cause you to come into a miracle in your life.

I heard the Lord say new buildings. New buildings. New buildings. I am seeing the blueprints even now I am seeing the blueprints of it right now. (Compare Pastor's Dream from 1995 - 4th Floor) And these buildings will be very specific.

God says I've chosen you. God says I've chosen you even in this city. And my rain upon you is a sign and a wonder. My favor upon you is a sign and a wonder. They don't understand why you have favor. They don't understand why it happens for you, why it's working for you. But God said if the souls will humble themselves and no longer be jealous, but those who will come along and support you and stand with you, these are the ones I will bless - these are the ones that I will give increase. Those who bless you I will bless. Those who curse you will be cursed. They will not have the increase. They will have lack, confusion, bondage.

I am raining on you, I'm raining on you. I'm raining on you.

I've given you the keys. I've given you the key to the city. And the key is intercession.

I've given you like a lion says God, I've given you the roar of a lion. People don't understand you at times, but God says I've given you the roar of a lion. I've given you the fierceness of a lion. I've given you to defend, and confront the enemy. I've given you to stand and confront evil. I've given you to stand and confront. But people have not understood you because they have wanted a nice pastor. But they have not understood the realm that God has called you into. They have not seen what God has called you into. They wanted someone that would comfort them in their mess. But God says I've given you a ferociousness, I've given you a strength, I've given you authority to address the enemy, to address the darkness. And those who will see you as I see you will be blessed and they will have increase.

I hear God saying that the comfort of the Holy Spirit is a staple in the way God uses you. God says it's a staple, and it's necessary. God says it's very important, because what I heard him say is that He has given you wisdom and the ability to confront the Laodicean church. God says because they have sought their own comfort, outside the Holy Spirit. God says because they got comfortable with the things of this world. God said he is raising you up to be able to confront that spirit that wants to become comfortable with the things of this world and reject the comfort that comes only by the Holy Spirit. And God says: yes there are those that misunderstand you, But God says you will begin to become comfortable in the middle of the misunderstanding. God says you are going to become comfortable in how he's made you. God says you won't run from the shaking, because you feel the shaking even within yourself before they can feel the shaking when you release it. But God says the love that will overflow, even in the confrontation, it will begin to release an anointing that will destroy yoke says the Lord.

- Application: Obviously, God's intent is that we move forward, prosper, succeed.

What God is doing with us (Vern & Mary), he will do through the church in confronting the spirit of the age.

(75) January 31, 2018

“Because of the persecution, you (the church) will grow.”

- I asked why. He said:

> “Because this isn't an attack against you, it's against the anointing. When that happens the anointing grows. The result is always growth.”

(76) March 10, 2018 - Calvin Woods and Brian Holley

God says I am doing a new thing. God says you gotta change with the flow, you got a change with the shifting. I am doing a new thing in this church. Forget about the way it used to be. Forget about the glory that you once had, because the glory I am getting ready to release is greater than the glory that you had before. I am seeing men being raised up in this church. I'm seeing men supporting you. I'm seeing men holding your hands up. I'm seeing men standing with you. I'm seeing men, men, men, where are the men? Where are the men? Where are the men? Where are the men? God says I'm going to advance this house. Get ready for the men. Get ready for the men. Get ready for the men. Get ready for the men get ready for the men get ready for the men.

God says I've been pruning and cutting brown areas on the growth of my garden. I've been cutting and I've been pruning and removing brown areas, And I've been even cutting back so that I can give you new growth. New growth. New growth, new growth. I'm hearing in my spirit, that there is somebody that is carrying the anointing, a young man that is caring the anointing that God wants to use in this house. There's a young man that God wants to raise up in this house. There's a freshness, A new dimension.

I hear the Lord saying that the older people are not done, it's just that God wants to pull some younger people up in here. And God says the element to protect them is in this house to cover them, To pray for them. I've heard God is raising up someone in this house to work with leadership like you've never seen before.

(77) Fall of 2018?? - Brad Brede.

- We are not sure exactly when this took place, but it was a directive given in a prophecy form from Brad. The part of the prophecy that stood out was when he was prophesying over Mary concerning Mission 61, and he said over and over again: "This must come to pass. This must come to pass. This must come to pass. This must come to pass".

(78) June 12, 2020 - Calvin Woods and Brian Holley

I am hearing wealth. Wealth transfer for you all. There are people who have wealth and God wants it to be transferred to you, To do more for the kingdom. I am seeing more increase, more income. God wants to bring more in. He wants to touch peoples hearts. God says: you will do what's right, he trusts you. You will do what's right.

I sense that God says he will give you a group of people that are breakers. They're going to break things. Break through things in the spirit. They are not just people who sit. They are going to break through like you're breaking through.

I hear God saying: It's for an appointed time, For him to bring these things forth. I hear the enlarging of territory. You have walked places in the Spirit and the natural and God says he's enlarging your territory. I hear God say: your faithfulness has caught his attention. He's asked you to carry some things and God says now he can trust you. Like those ones he gave the talents to in the parables. And he said: you have been faithful in little, now I can trust you with many, I can trust you with much.

I see deeds in your hands. Property in your hands. Deeds in your hands. Stuff being turned over to you. They have been thinking about doing it, and they're going to end up doing it. They're going to turn it over to you. They're going to say: do what you need to do with it, it's for the kingdom. I saw buildings. I saw multiple buildings being handed over to you. I hear God saying: even the people that will be needed to help manage it are already coming. They are ones that are faithful. They are ones that are anointed also and have the Spirit of the Lord. They will catch your spirit, They will have your heart, they will be ones that will be willing to serve and support.

The Lord releases the blessing upon you. I saw one more thing: I saw an orphanage. I saw an orphanage. God says: this is the fulfillment of what he wants to bring and this is going to be the Crowning Jewel of this ministry.

- Again, he wants our influence to enlarge.

- The orphanage we believe to be Mission 61.

(79) June 12, 2020 - Pastor Vern

- "It's time to get a bus, I want you to have it by youth camp"

(80) January 16, 2022 - (Prophecy) - Pastor Vern
(Parallel Prophecy: see: April 2, 2014)

'So Now It Begins'

The first thing he told me for 2022 was: (7:45 marker on video)

So now it begins. So now it begins. He said: I have wooed my people, I have courted my people, I have blessed my people and poured myself out on my people, loving them with everything I am. But many of my people are turning away from me. Many of my people are walking away from the church. They're walking away from their relationship with me. They say: I love God, oh yes I love Jesus. I say: I don't understand that type of love. The love I understand is when you know the will of another, you obey them. Love is to obey me. Not to give me lip service, not to speak words and then go do something opposite of what they know I want done. The love I understand, the love I know clings to, cleaves to, embraces, and holds onto that other person with everything within them. They want to know their heartbeat. They want to know their mind-thought. They want to sense and feel the emotion in them. Love adheres two people together. Closer, and closer, and closer. Yet I'm being told: I love you, and the distance between us - grows, and grows, and grows. Many who say they love me with all my heart, don't hear me when I speak to them, because we are so far apart. There is such distance between us. (10:40)

What causes the distance? The things that I hold in high regard and the things that I hold in high esteem, are no longer held in high regard or high esteem by many of my people. The things that I love, that I pursue, that I pour myself into, are no longer pursued, embraced. My people no longer pour their lives into the same things that I pour myself into. They have forgotten: I am the source. My heart and my desire is to be more than an acquaintance. My heart and desire is to be your source of everything. Every decision you make - you look to me. Every plan you make, every day you plan - you look to me. Didn't I say in my word that for you to make plans without including me, my will for you for that day - is evil. It's sin. It's what you call the sin of omission. I am preparing for myself a bride. And the first qualification is: she will love me. She will love me. And my heart breaks because so many think they are in that position with me - they are my bride. And they don't love me, they love themselves. They love what they're doing. They love their plans. They love what they want. (13:16)

So now it begins. I love my people too much, to let them continue to wander down their errant paths without stepping in front of them and say stop going this direction. Come back to me. I love my people too much, to allow them to pretend everything is fine. I need them to become dependent on me again. And this is the warning that has been since the human race has fallen.

With my blessings, the fallen nature becomes independent, self-sufficient, feeling it has produced these things for themselves. Didn't I say to the Israelites years and years ago: when you get into the land that I will bless you with, and you have all you need to eat, and you have all you need to wear, and your life is provided for - did I not say: Don't forget me. Don't forget me. This is what the American church is in the process of doing. It's in the process of forgetting me. It offers words, but its heart is not in the words. Lip service is given, but true worship flows with love. And I love my people too much to let them continue on in their deception I will begin to do a work to arrest their thinking and draw them back. It begins. (16:01)

And so begins, the leaders of this land - increasingly don't want me as their God. Those in power and in authority in this land, many of them, not all but many of them, the tone of the land, is we don't need God, we don't want God, we will take care of it ourselves. And slipping in amongst that is evil and corruption. And it's gotten into the heart of the men and women who help lead this land, and their goal is not the best for the authority given to them. The authority given to them was for them to provide and take care of the nation under them. Their goal is to provide and take care of themselves and their kind only. I love this nation too much. I need this nation to be a lighthouse, a city set on a hill that cannot be hid. My word says precious or costly in my sight are the deaths of my saints. When my people leave this earth, it is costly to my kingdom because a light has been removed. If this nation succumbs to evil because of the people and the will of its leaders, it will be a costly blow to my kingdom. I love it too much, I need it too much to stand by and say I will do nothing - it's their choice. No it is also my choice, for I have a people in this land who ask me to make it my choice. So it begins. (18:45)

The beginning of increased birth pains will take place this year. This is not judgment, this not judgment on this land. This is me saying I love you too much to let you go the direction you're going, so rather than enable you in this, and guard you and keep you in the paths of error, I will allow you to experience the death that comes with sin. I will begin to lift my hand off this nation. I will not lift it far, but I will begin to lift it. Picture it as though I were protecting something under a body of water and I had it sealed away under my hand. All I have to do is lift it a little, and the water will come in like a flood. I do not have to fully expose this land, all I need to do is give it what it asks for, just a little, for the wages of sin is death and death will immediately be tasted in many ways, in many forms.

(20:28)

This is not my judgment. This is my preservation, for I am love and everything I do is out of love. But I do not look at only now, I look at eternity. And I see how it plays out in the picture of where eternity needs it to go. Right now this nation needs to realize you need me more than you every have, you need me more than you care to admit. And as long as everything is comfortable and peaceful and calm, there's no need of a Savior. And I am the one in whom everything of my creation lives, moves, and has it's being. I am that one. You need me. And in an effort to turn back the hearts and the minds, in this land, both those who name themselves after me as christians, and those who do not. I love them all. I am drawing them all. I am wooing them all. But I need to get their attention And in an effort to do that I will raise my hand a bit and the enemy will come in like a flood. There will be what you call catastrophe and calamities that will take place beginning this year, that will seem odd and strange. They will be various kinds, in all different areas of location. (22:57)

Let me share with you a principle. When I created man I gave him this earth. In the first chapter of Genesis, I gave the earth to mankind, to rule and subdue. I did not list out the various aspects of it, I just said the earth. That is the physical realm. In the physical realm you have land, in the physical realm you have the air, the immediate what you call the heavens over the physical realm or the sky. The weather, the clouds, all this is earth. The first thing that happened with

earth when sin entered into its rulers was that it came under a curse. When something is cursed, it is forced to behave or be in a manner opposite of what it's designed or may even want to be. The earth is cursed and it was never intended to be what it is. And remember: I do not create anything by life, for I am life. The ground is living. The rocks are living. The air is living. Now yes its under a curse and it's not exhibiting the life that it once did, or once will, or again will. But it's living. It is not dead. That's why you can take and put something into the ground and it will try to bring it to life because there is life in the ground. Didn't I say that [if these rocks don't cry out and praise me], remember: men were supposed to praise me. They would not, so I said: if they don't these rocks will cry out and praise me. If they (men) would not have praised me, the earth would praise me for it lives, it's alive. It remembers, it knows. I've said: set up rocks as witnesses and make agreements in front of them. Why?? Because rocks remember and know, and they can serve as a witness. Everything I make lives. (26:44)

Didn't I say the very creation, the very creation looks for the sons of God to come and set it free? From what? From the curse it's under. From the bondage it's under. It's looking. It's thinking. It's aware. Now what I've created, in what is referred to as earth, all works in unity together. The rain. The water. The wind. The sunlight. The ground. These are not all separate. These all work together. Have you read that because of the sexual sins that nations get into, the land will vomit them out? It's in my word. How would land try to vomit a nation or a people out of it? Because not only is it under curse, but now it's under a different form of attack and oppression. And it's so loathes it, it spews the source, the problem, it spews it out trying to get it away from itself, so it can be relieved from that heaviness. How would land do that? It's done it many times over creation. It makes it difficult or impossible for the human to live there. It will vomit the society, the human, it will vomit it out. And all the earth works in agreement to do that. The earth has been in the process, areas of this nations have been in the process of doing what my word says the land will do. It's trying to vomit the people off of it so they leave because of the sin they are propagating on that land. It's, it's trying to make itself unlivable to those people to get them off. (29:53)

Now with technology and the advances that have come over the centuries, it's more difficult to see this is happening. Because now you have invented ways, I have shown ways where things can be circumvented. And rather than a people dying because of drought, and the land not producing any food, they either die or they leave - now you have ways to circumvent that and cause water to go (flow from) where it is falling, coming to these places that are trying to vomit the people out. So the people remain. But the principle is the same, and it's in action. So I explain that to say this: there will be an increase of the earths upheaval against what it has been subdued to, and increasingly has been subdued to. There will be an increase of its pushback, of its trying to dispel the people. This can be weather related, because the ground works with the elements, and the elements work with the ground. This can be storm related. This can be earthquake related - to where the land has reached its breaking point and it literally breaks in an effort to change what's happening in the hearts of the people who are occupying it. This will increase this year, and it will continue to increase. But not is all lost. This can still be rectified; this can still be changed. (32:28)

I'm still the God of forgiveness, and love, and mercy. I'm still the God who will hear the cries and the prayers of my people. And if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways. There is what I present as the issue with my church. Humble yourselves. You need me. I am the vine you are the branches. You can do nothing without me. Humble yourselves, seek me, pray, and when I speak, and when I teach, and when I lead, turn from your wicked ways. I do not agree with and approve everything that a human being can be involved in. Grace came to set you free, not give you a license to lay in bed with my enemy. Grace came to free you. Not to give you the excuse of: it will be ok. It is not ok. There is a mindset that's taking place in my people that is saying things are ok, that my word says they are not ok. We will accept things when I say I will not accept them. We will embrace things that I despise. (34:55)

If you will look, you will find that the land vomits, tied specifically to sexual things, and when they're out of control, the land will vomit at this. There are sexual things that are being embraced and allowed in my church, and made excuses for, that are not Ok. And the people participating in them, many times are brought on to my platform, and brought together in marriage, and there's never been repentance for the former sin, and I am now to bless this union. (36:20)

There are those who come and cry at my altar seeking my help, who I have spoken to and wooed repeatedly - back away, back away - but they don't turn from their wicked ways, but they want me to be their source and their supply. I can't do that. I cannot bless wickedness and evil. And then they think I don't care because I don't give them what they are asking for. I do care, I care more than they understand. But I am not looking from a single need perspective, I'm looking from an eternal perspective. Kingdom of light cannot produce darkness, and the Kingdom of Darkness cannot produce light. It will self destruct if it tries to do so. My church, the nation you live in is sex crazy. It's is depraved. It is immoral. It is an abomination to my father, and it is making its way in the church as much as it is out of the church. And I am going to make an effort to stop both. It begins. I love both too much to let it to continue on. Once the land begins vomiting because of what's happening in it. It's gone too far. (38:20)

I admonish you: walk in the Fear of the Lord, Learn your Authority, learn how to step into the Spirit and Rule this land. There's leaders here who are trying to rule it to it's detriment and it's destruction. I am calling my church to rise up and being ruling this land. I need the light of this nation in this world. I am not done with this world yet, and there's harvest that is coming that will be great, and it will not look like the American church thinks it will look like. This harvest will be brought in, and will be maintained not by presentation and by how good we look. It will be brought in and it will be harvested and maintained by loving the person in their need and bringing them out of it. Something the American church, by-in-large - there's exceptions - buy by-in-large the American church wants nothing to do with, because it absorbs the individuals time, it's inconvenient, it wasn't in my plan for the day, or for my life. It is not open and ready to receive what I'm about to give it.

But I'm calling you in the sound of this voice, step up, learn to Fear me, walk in my Authority, and love me enough to prefer the needs of others and minister to them. Meet those needs. Learn to walk in your faith. Learn to make your faith produce for you. It is your servant. Practice it. Practice it. Strengthen it. Focus it. Learn to make your servant do what it is sent on this earth to do. Become strong in your faith. Become powerful in your faith. For when things begin to go in a non-desiring way in this land, my church - I am calling before my Father - my church will rise and shine and be a beacon of hope, and be a beacon of light, a beacon of safety to whosoever will. My church, my bride will represent me. And I am calling you to be part of that church, as I am calling every believer in this land to be part of that church. (42:06)

But there is a divide coming. For with the increased manifestation of my power and my presence, there will be an increased persecution. I cause the picture to be shown to you: it will be like a fleet of ships on the ocean, and I will increase in power and magnitude in my fleet of ships. But floating with us there will be other ships among us and around us who have no desire to be partakers of what we're operating in. Their desire is to shoot at us and stop us. There will be increased persecution and hate. Not for you, for me. You just become the focus because you are the light of this world - you are the salt. So the focus will go on you, but it's not you who is hated - it's me. Which I have explained in my word: the servant is not above his master. If they hated me, they will hate you. Because they do not know my Father, they hated me. (43:25)

There will be opposition that will increase - so it begins. There will be a divide, and it will be more plainly seen than it has ever been seen who truly loves me, and who does not. There will be divide in my church. There will be divide in the unbeliever. There will be divide in this nation that will increase. There will be divides that try to form in every relationship. Be aware. Be on your guard. The divide has really nothing to do with parties involved; it has to do with the two Kingdoms that are at war and which kingdom the parties involved are adhering to. And the more a person adheres to the evil of that kingdom, the greater the divide will be with those who are pursuing me with everything that is within them. And out of that divide comes persecution. (44:50)

So don't be surprised as I've spoken in my word. With the beginning of sorrows or the birth pains of what is coming, one of the first things I mentioned is betrayal. People you would have never thought will betray you, and people you would have never thought, will be loyal to you to your dying breath. This is part of the dividing of the kingdoms. For there needs to be a clear sounding trumpet in this land - whom to serve. And right now it is not clear, it is very mixed up, and I am going to begin to open that up. And I need to get everyone's attention. That's why you will see things happen in the land that are calamities, that are catastrophes. Because an immediate financial loss cannot be compared to an eternal loss of a being. It far outweighs, the eternal far outweighs the immediate. Now my design was never to have either one. I never wanted either one. But again go back to my word: the Israelites would turn to me, and pursue me, and follow me with all their heart, and then a generation would come that backed away from that and did their own thing, and I was not able to return them back to me without getting their attention. So things would happen that I never wanted to happen in their lives, to force them into a position

where they would acknowledge - I need help - I need a savior. That is what that position is designed for. I get no pleasure out of seeing it happen, other than if it will bring my people back to me, if it will bring my creation back to me, it is worth it. It is worth it. But it never was my intention for that cycle to set up in the nation of Israel, and it's not my intention, never was my intention, for that to start in this land. But it has started. It is gaining momentum. It is moving faster away from me, than it's moved toward me, and my plan is to turn that around. I am calling my people to rise up with me. We will turn this around, and this nation will see it's need of a savior. The people of this land will see they need their God. But in the middle of it, some will reject me and choose to do their own evil ways - regardless. And those are the ones who will turn and pick on you. (48:35)

So as we're floating this ocean together, realize some of the boats around you are not with you, they're against you. And in time that is revealed. But there is a harvest that will be reaped. There will be people who will be brought into the kingdom, and the number will be great. And that is my focus. As my Spirit moves, yes evil will move along with her like a fleet of ships moving across the water together. As I lift my hand off this nation, even just a little bit, the enemy will come in like a flood. As my presence, and my power, and my manifestations grow more evident, it will demand more of you. It will require more of your life. I will be looking to you to love the people, and to impart your yourself, what you have freely received from me, impart that into them. I will be looking to you. The harvest will not be retained by encouraging them to come to one service a week. The American church thinks if I go to church for 45 minutes in a week, I am good with my God. They don't realize how lukewarm and putrid that tastes to me. And it will not be reproduced in the coming harvest, because those of that mindset will not be harvesters in this harvest. It will be those who are willing to lay down their lives, do what is inconvenient, associate with those that they don't care for, that they don't like. Pouring their resources, themselves into people that seem like lost causes, but they're doing it because they love the people and my Spirit has directed them to that person and said: take care of this need. That harvest will be harvested - it will be retained - and it will grow. That's what I am calling you to. (51:35)

So it begins, the time for my church to arise, and shine. The glory of the Lord will rest on her. And it will cause many to be drawn to me. If I be lifted up, you are what is seen of me in this earth. As I am lifted up in you, it will cause many to be drawn to me. And I've not spoken these things to cause fear, but as a forewarning to what is about to unfold, and a clear call to my people. Ready yourselves. Ready yourselves. Ready yourselves. Learn to love your neighbor. Learn what it means to meet their need. Learn what it means when it says: I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ for it is the power of God unto salvation to them that believe both the Jew and the Gentile. You are going to close the deal and you will not be ashamed of the gospel, for the power will flow when you shed the shame. And you step into the supernatural and watch my glory manifest in every situation. And every individual light will become a sea of light. And I will do it through you. You will arise, you will shine. I speak this. I call this. I declare this to my Father. I tell my Father I have a people who love me with everything within them. I have a people who are willing to do what I say. I have a people who have their thoughts on my thoughts, have

their desires aligned with my desires. I have a people who long for only one thing to take place in this earth, and that is for my Kingdom to be lifted up and for me to be revealed, as the true Savior of this world. I have a people who long to be with me. And their thoughts and their heart is on that on a daily basis, but they are on assignment, they know they are on assignment, those were the people who will rise up and be your servants. (54:30)

And when the enemy comes in as a flood, I will raise up a standard for those who are standing. That's why I said in my word: once you're prepared - stand. And with everything within you - stand. Stand therefore. Because the standard is raised up for those who stand. So stand. And be strong. Do not be shaken by what you see or what you hear. I have you. I have you. I have you. Do you hear me. My bride, I have you. I have you. And I will walk this with you - my Spirit is already in you. And I love you with an undying love. I love you with a passion and a holiness and a longing that is incomprehensible to the fallen mind. But I love you with everything within me. And I am not asking you to do something that is beyond your capability. I am not asking you to do something that I am not will to do. I have done it, and I will come and walk with you. Just ask me to be there with you when you hit these situations that seem insurmountable, just say: Jesus walk this with me. You are the love of my life. I will not betray or deter away from you. (56:40)

So I am not speaking to cause you fear. I am speaking to say, we are going to see people come back. And they need a reason to do that. That's what's going to be seen. There are men in this nation that have started things into process because they are not thinking of this nation, they are thinking of themselves, that are going to begin to bear fruit and I have decided to lift my hand and say: limitedly I will let it take place. You say why: because you've chosen a Saul instead of me. And I'm not referring to one person, I'm referring to the authority that reigns. You've chosen a Saul, because you thought it would fit your needs and satisfy you better. And your Saul is not listening to me. Your Saul is not following me. Your Saul has set things into motion that only I can stop, and I've chosen to lift my hand and give you the results of what it looks like when evil men and corrupt plans come into power and my people help them there. It is seedtime and harvest, and there will be some harvest from this seed, but I will not lift my hand completely. And remember: when the enemy comes at you like a flood, stand, and I will raise a standard around about you and yours. Stand. I've said these things because: (58:55)

Surely the Lord God will do nothing without revealing his secret to his servants the prophets. (Amos 3:7 - AMP)

But peace I leave with you. My own peace I now give and bequeath to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. Stop allowing yourselves to be agitated and disturbed, and do not permit yourselves to be fearful and intimidated and cowardly and unsettled. And now I have told you this before it occurs so that when it does take place you may believe, and have faith in and rely on me. But the comforter, the counselor, the helper, the intercessor, the advocate, the strengthener, the standby, the comforter, the

Holy Spirit whom my Father sent in my name, in my place. He represents me and acts on my behalf, he will teach you all things and he will cause you to recall; he will remind you of and bring to your remembrance everything I've told you. So do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid, for peace I leave with you and I bequeath to you. (John 14:26-27 - AMP) (1:00:40)

(81) February, 2022 - Pastor Vern

Pastor had a Dream concerning the next generation and the church in America.

The Dream:

It was in the sanctuary at W/L. Sunday morning service. I was speaking, and didn't know it, but Sandra Bullock was in the sanctuary. She was sitting in the back area to my left. She had been there the Sunday before, I didn't know it. She was back - this was the 2nd Sunday.

Scene change:

She is now at the front, by herself. She had a red top on (not sure what it was). She's standing in front of me and wanting ministry. I didn't know what for, and I got the feeling she didn't know either - so she just wanted what was available to her. It was a much younger version of herself. Late teens or early 20's. But yet there was a maturity about her that was beyond her age.

I reached out to take her hands so I could find out what I was going to be ministering to her about, when people from the audience began coming up and standing to her left side. The first ones were women, but didn't see beyond the first few that came up. (First one: Janet - She had a tan top on)

As they came and stood there, she was obviously irritated. I could tell by the look on her face, and the glances toward the people. She didn't want anyone up there with her. She wanted to be alone. Her, me, and God.

The first lady reached out to touch her, then there was another with a piece of paper - she wanted her autograph (white paper in her hand). And people started crowding around her, and I knew why - they wanted to be near someone famous. It wasn't about spiritually helping her, but bragging rights. I was motioning with my head and facial expressions for the group to stop, but to no avail.

Sandra became so visibly disturbed, I thought she was going to leave. So I took her, and grabbed another person, and we were going toward the office so I could minister to her. The whole reason was to get her away from the people of the church. (Then I woke up.)

To fully understand what God was saying, please listen to the message given on February 20, 2022 entitled: "The Trap of Fame".

What's God saying in this Dream??

- a) A separation / division / divide is coming. (the #2)*
 - Where Sandra is at right now is in disfavor with where God wants her to be.*

- b) Who is Sandra? (By her name she represents:)*
 - A situation God is shining his light upon*
 - Because defense and protection is needed (From what?)*
 - Something / someone who traps men*

- c) Bullock?*
 - It pictures the younger people (guys and girls)*
 - "Young bulls brought for sacrifice"*
 - (They were sacrificed for everyone - men and women. So now, it includes both men and women - specifically the young.....)*

- d) Fame / Famous*
 - Pictured simply by what she represents..... famous*

- e) Sandra Bullock represents 2 different realms:*
 - Fame / Famous (The trap)*
 - The younger generation*

- f) They are (she) Angry about something.*
 - What is it?*
 - > They're tired of being trapped by the fame / famous.....*

- g) What's trapping them?*
 - Who they are, and the life they're living because of it.*
 - (Remember: she was angry before she came.....)*

h) The Social media world is a large part of the problem.

- Like someone who is famous, you can't escape the foolishness / stupidity / pressure of the Fame / Famous thing:

- TikTok, Snap-Chat, Facebook, Insta-gram, etc.

*- All about: how many likes you can get,
how many followers you can get,
how beautiful / talented you are,
the amazing life you have,
how you get to do all these amazing things,
how many people look into your life and think: I wish I had a life like
them.....*

*- Either you are awesome, or you're nothing and you have to grovel so hopefully
you can fit into the group of someone who is amazing.*

PLUS:

i) The older generation is more interested in your:

- Being noticed, being looked up to, esteemed and regarded by other people, recognized as something special, good reputation, popularity, Fame / Famous:

- Than they are really concerned they get in touch with God and what he wants for their life.

- And we're showing them this by how we're responding to the whole fame thing.

- And they're angry about it.

j) The older generation being guided by things that are more vain, humanistic, man-made, spiritually dead stuff, and so proud of the young people being recognized (Famous) popular, accepted, looked up to in their arena.

k) And the younger generations are walking away from God, what God has for them, and the church - because of it.

l) If we don't deal with it, when they reach the pinnacle of their lives, and step out onto the supernatural / glory, they won't be able to maintain it, because the attitude of their heart has been formed incorrectly, and they won't be able to abide with the Glory - because

God won't share it with them. (The Glory is not to make someone famous)

GOD IS GOING TO USE NO-BODIES.

m) A Change is needed in our methods.

- WE need to lose our intrigue with Fame / Good opinions / good reputation, and popularity.

*- Let God do what he wants to do in them.
(Quit trying to form their lives for them.....)*

n) God's not looking for the noticed and famous, the beautiful, the gifted / talented by the worlds standards.

- He always does the opposite of the worlds system,

- He accepts you just the way you are.

o) God is looking for the ones who will empty themselves of all the things that the world says.....

- He's looking for what the world considers the No Bodies.....

(82) July 21, 2022 - Pastor Vern

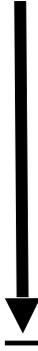
*- "Are you ready for a building program?"
(Brad Brede and Calvin Woods said the same thing shortly after.)*

(83) January 25, 2023 - Pastor Vern

- "Command the Father concerning the land next to the church so he can get it to us."

(84) January 27, 2023 - Pastor Vern

- Rhema concerning the land next door: "The Father hath need of it". (call it)



ULTIMATE VISION

'Building of People'.

Providing Physical Facilities Needed to Support It

Wellness Center Half-Way Houses Mentoring/Maturity Programs School

Substance Abuse Recovery Divorce Recovery & Re-orientation Abuse Recovery

Day-Care Pre-School Multi-purpose Gym/Concert Hall/Youth Center

Auto Care Min. Handy-man/Repair Min. Regional Center and Ministry Busing

Local and Regional Conferences Internet, Live-Streaming, Etc.

Out-Region Conferences. Church Planting Interim and Shelter Housing

Food Distribution Center Sending out of Ministers. (Pastors, Missionaries, Etc.)

Etc. Etc. Etc. Etc.

The Establishing of the Vision. (Spiritual Aspect)

1. *Our Short Term Goals can be summed up in a brief statement:*

“Minister to the Immediate needs of the People”.

That’s why it’s necessary to keep aligning the short term goals with the intermediate and long-term goals. Short term ministry is always in a state of flux. It changes with the immediate needs of the congregation and community - sometimes on a weekly basis. If short-term goals are not held accountable with the longer goals, we will find ourselves continually changing our focus and thrust. Ultimately chasing our tails and going in circles.

2. *Intermediate Goals.*

Since the Primary Goal must always remain people and how to minister to them and fulfill

- a. *The General Purpose for the Church.*
- b. *The Sub-Purpose / Emphasis for W/L.*

As we move through the phases of establishing and growing the ministries, we must always calculate for ministry to people to be the first objective. This will break out in three basic areas:

- a. *Personal Ministry via People.*
(Whether it be staff and/or volunteers, people must minister to people.)
- b. *Ministry via media. (All forms available and profitable for promoting the Vision)*
- c. *Ministry via Tools, Equipment, and Facilities.*

3. *Long Term Goals.*

- a. *Do our best to fulfill our Call, Mission, the Vision given to us.*
- b. *Build everything on the Word and the Supernatural.*
- c. *Follow the Spirit, and flow in the Anointing in everything - Esp. the services.*
- d. *Present the Full-Gospel.*
- e. *Secure the Ministerial Staff / Leaders / Workers & Facility that is needed.*

Financial Budget.

A. Ministries demand funding.

1. *Financial budgets break down into 3 general categories.*
 - a) *People*
 - b) *Equipment and Supplies*
 - c) *Facility*
2. *The first priority is person-to-person ministry. You can have the nicest equipment and facilities in the world, but if you don't have God Called, Anointed, People doing the work of the ministry - the physical assets will have little Kingdom Value. However, if the Person-to-Person Ministry is kept strong, the Equipment and Facilities will manifest.*
3. *To do that correctly, we must always have:*
 - a) *Pastoral Leadership*
 - b) *Pastoral / Ministry Staff*
 - c) *Workers, Leaders, and Staff.*
 - d) *Special Speakers (5-Fold Ministers)*
 - e) *Additional ministry times and settings as needed. (Services, Classes, Etc.)*
4. *Our approach is a conservative one. What does that mean?*
 - a. *We will always try to not take big risks with God's resources.*
 - b. *If there is a cheaper way to accomplish the same end with excellence, unless directed by the Lord otherwise, that's the route we'll take.*
5. *We're not into setting up shrines. (Extravagance and Pride)*
6. *Nor are we into setting up junk. (spirit of Poverty)*
7. *The cheapest way is usually not the best. However, the most expensive way doesn't ensure quality either.*
8. *We must present a ministry, facility, staff, and equipment - of quality. We won't compromise these to do something cheaper.*

9. *It must represent the Kingdom. God is not in poverty and neither are we. But the best is to draw people to Jesus - not hindered by physical inadequacies, nor propelled by physical extravagance.*

B. The Vision must be reduced to Dollars and Cents.

1. *We live in a physical world. That must be reckoned into the Goals.*
2. *What is needed? What do we need to believe for? What means will God use to get the first increments of it to us?*
3. *What are our first goals? (Short-Term)*
4. *What steps will be needed, what mile-markers need to be reached (Intermediate Goals) before the end-product (Long-Term Goals) will begin to take shape?*

C. Living within our Means - Yet Living by Faith.

1. *There is a balance in running a church.*
 - *To live totally by the budget numbers is to exclude faith.*
 - *To live totally by faith with open disregard to the numbers is irresponsibility.*
2. *Budgets matter. But so does taking steps by faith.*
3. *We never want to jeopardize the big mission for a faith step. Nor do we ever want to jeopardize the big mission because of numerical restraints.*
4. *There must be fiscal responsibility that doesn't ever put the whole organization at risk financially. But there must also be 'faith pressure' to keep the organization moving forward toward the over-all Long-Term Goals.*

What Is Jesus Trying To Do With Word of Life?

He is wanting to Build a Last-Days 'BRIDE' Church!!!

A 'BRIDE' Church is a group of people who are no longer playing relationship games. They are sold-out in a Covenant type of relationship with their Groom. Their highest concern is Fulfilling and Pleasing their Lover. Whatever He desires, they give. Whatever Displeases Him, they stop. This allows the Groom to pour his Splendor on his Bride to be. Creating her to be something that is separated from this world's system and ways; and set apart to be Holy to Himself.

Through Her, He Will Manifest Who He Is. She will take on his Character, Desires, Longings, Goals, and Plans. Literally changing into his very Image, with ever-increasing Splendor. (She will begin to look like him) What does he want us to look like? He said it himself: 'LOVE'.

The Church of Jesus Christ has been adrift in recent years. Because of that she is becoming more and more mired down in the ways of this world's system. In many ways she has become a spiritual whore, consumed with her needs and desires, and increasingly being conformed to the Sinfulness, and Selfishness, and Passions of the Last Days. She is finding herself living in the moral decay that she was warned against. Not standing apart as a Holy People of Character, Discipline, and Supernatural Power. The True Representative and Likeness of Jesus on this Earth.

Matthew 24:1-14, 36-51, 25:1-46

Luke 18:1-8, 21:5-36

11 Thessalonians 2:3-12

1 Timothy 4:1-5

11 Timothy 3:1-7, 4:3-4

James 4:1-10, 5:1-6

1 Peter 1:5-15, 2:12, 4:7-5:11

11 Peter 3:3-15, 17-18

She could more accurately be described as a people who call themselves Christians, but willfully choose to live in Sin, Selfishness, and Complacency. Paul described the end result of her like this:

"Lovers of Sensual Pleasures and Vain Amusements more than and rather than Lovers of God. For although they hold a Form of Piety (True Religion), they Deny and Reject

and are Strangers to the Power of it (their conduct belies the genuineness of their profession).” (11 Timothy 3:4-5 - AMP.)

Paul goes on to say: “Avoid All Such People, Turn Away From Them”. (v. 5) The first ones who we must look at to see who the “Such People” are -- will be found in the mirror. We must avoid anything and everything that will turn us into “Such People”.

Our Determination is To Be Found Pleasing To Him, and Never Be the “Such People” that Paul said need to be avoided.

Our Goal is to learn how to live beyond mediocrity in ALL areas of our lives. Our Praise and Worship, Giving, Prayer, and Messages are all focused to help us accomplish that end. Then to take this Understanding and pass it on to others, enabling them to ‘Know How To’ live a Victorious, Overcoming Christian Life.

Our call is to do everything we can to Answer the questions that go Unanswered. To give Hope, when all seems Lost. To Plant Courage, when Encouragement is Disappearing. To join with the person who Sincerely wants God at Any Cost. To Be and to Make Disciples.

‘This We Proclaim Concerning The Word of Life’